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H1N1 flu vaccines arrive in county

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

St. Joseph County has recently received shipments of the newly developed H1N1 vaccine, and University Health Services Director Ann Kleva said a limited amount will be distributed on campus, but she just doesn't know when.

The local health department will decide how much of the vaccine to give to Health Services and when it will arrive at Notre Dame, she said.

"We're going to be getting the vaccines in little by little each week," she said. "We will be giving it to the highest priority of people, which has been outlined by the [Center for Disease Control]."

Kleva said the H1N1 vaccine will be offered first to pregnant women, people caring for young children and infants and health care personnel. Young adults aged 19 to 24 are also listed as a priority because they tend to live in close proximity, generally on college campuses.

Students, faculty and staff will be eligible to receive the University's supply of the

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ND students race through Windy City

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

A number of Notre Dame students raced through the streets of the Windy City alongside over 45,000 participants in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday.

The winning time was 2:05:41, completed by Kenyan Sammy Wanjiru. While Notre Dame students did not exactly challenge Wanjiru's course record run, several students still attempted to complete the 26.2 mile race.

Runners took off at 7:30

a.m. to cover the course that winds through twenty-nine different neighborhoods and passes the historic sites of Chicago.

The race, which is sponsored by the Bank of America, encourages runners to raise money for different charities during the months leading up to Sunday's marathon.

The day began with temperatures around thirty degrees. Sophomore Christina Carson described the weather as chilly but perfect for running.

The Chicago Marathon was

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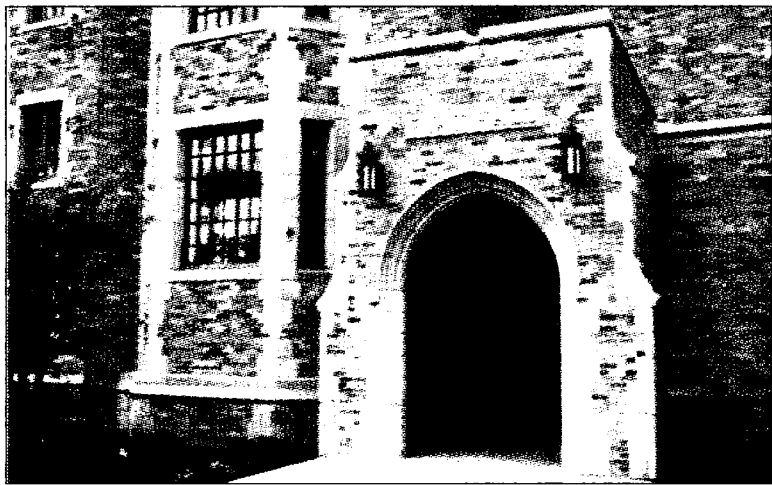


Photo courtesy of Colleen Walter

Senior Colleen Walter stops to take a drink of water while running the Chicago marathon Sunday morning.

Ryan Hall chooses Wildcat as mascot

Dorm also elects to name turquoise and white as official colors, says symbols will boost unity



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Ryan Hall, shown above, recently decided to name the wildcat as its mascot and turquoise and white as its colors.

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

The women of Ryan Hall, the University's newest residence hall, established their identity as the turquoise and white Ryan Wildcats Oct. 4 and released the image of their mascot Sunday night.

By voting on a mascot and dorm colors, Ryan, which opened this fall, took one more step toward creating the tradition and dorm pride that exists in other residence halls on campus, Ryan rectress Breyan Tornifolio said.

"Hopefully our nickname will bring us together," she

said. "It's a rallying point, it helps give us an identity."

The process of choosing a mascot and colors began after the dorm elected its first executive council on Sept. 15, Tornifolio said.

Sophomore Courtney Vargas, the first president of Ryan Hall, said residents submitted ideas for color combinations and mascots to her. There were 44 mascots and 25 color choices submitted, Tornifolio said.

Three rounds of voting were held before the final mascot and colors were determined. Tornifolio said the top six

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College Democrats rally for health care reform

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

The College Democrats of Notre Dame co-sponsored the "Health Care for All" rally in downtown South Bend Saturday to support health care reform, a cause they say will make for a wiser system of medical insurance — and a healthier and wealthier nation.



Donnelly

Attended by about 150 community residents and students, the rally kicked off at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center.

"It becomes unaffordable for our businesses to provide health care for the people who work for those businesses," Congressman Joe Donnelly, a Democrat who represents Indiana's 2nd District, said at the rally, arguing the current system is unsustainable in the long term.

The rally was intended to put political pressure on Indiana's Democratic elected officials, College Democrats co-presi-

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Lyons hosts Mara Fox Run

By LAUREN BALDWIN
News Writer

Over 350 runners participated in the 16th annual Mara Fox Fun Run Saturday, sponsored by Lyons Hall, in honor of a student killed by a drunk driver in 1993, event co-commissioner Jeana Caminiti and Lyons Hall vice president Katie Sample said.

"It was a perfect day for running. We were very excited about the turn out and success of the event," Sample said.

The event honors Mara Fox, who was a freshman in Lyons Hall at the time of her death. Fox was from northern Virginia



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Students participate in the 5K portion of the Mara Fox Fun Run Saturday to help raise money for a scholarship fund.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Crossed out

Late Thursday night while walking back from DeBartolo Quad, a friend and I stumbled upon something quite shocking — a graveyard in the middle of South Quad. And I thought Halloween was at the end of

Joseph McMahon

I'm just kidding. Associate News Editor

As we saw the crosses, the myriad blue and pink flags and the signs extolling the horrible nature of abortion, we both immediately knew what we were seeing.

The annual public protest staged by Notre Dame's Right to Life Group originally shocked me when I arrived as a freshman two years ago. Since then the act has become repetitive, to the point where my only reaction this year was to keep on walking.

The major issue that I have with the annual graveyard protest has nothing to do with my views on abortion. Rather, my opposition is based on the grounds that radical protests, such as the South Quad display, totally transform what could be an intellectual discussion about a serious issue into a screaming match on par with what has recently been seen at "town halls" around the country.

If the goal of the graveyard is to convert pro-choicers on campus or at least encourage them to consider a different point of view, then allow me to be the first to tell the Right to Life Club that they are failing miserably.

My pro-choice friends have generally all have the same reaction. Most of them just laugh it off, considering it one of Notre Dame's many quirks while postulating about the stability of the mental health of those responsible.

The problem with just "laughing it off" is many pro-choice people label the other side of this debate as crazy, religious lunatics who believe condoms are the devil's latex gloves.

But, as someone who has talked to numerous people about the issue, I have found that many of the points made by both sides are legitimate and informed by extensive scientific research and moral reflection.

Believe it or not, Notre Dame actually does have a history of supporting academic debate on this issue (although allow me to stress the word academic). And I am not simply talking about President Barack Obama's Commencement address last year.

On Sept. 13, 1984, then-New York Governor Mario Cuomo gave a speech at Notre Dame about how his identity as a politician sworn to uphold the Constitution might be in conflict with his identity as a Catholic. Cuomo said his private beliefs as a Catholic did not allow him to curb what he considered to be a right under his interpretation of the Constitution.

The speech was met with extreme criticism, but was a legitimate examination of the abortion question from one man's perspective. And, in the end, it was more persuasive in forming my opinion on the issue than the graveyard taking place on South Quad will ever be.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joseph McMahon at jmcmao6@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

The Oct. 9 edition of the Observer included a letter to the Editor entitled "Students stand up to discrimination" by senior Ellen Rolfes that inadvertently included two errant sentences at the end of the letter. This was caused by a technical problem; the sentences were not included in the original submission. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR WEEKEND WITHOUT A NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME?



Chris Bell
sophomore
Knott

"Chillin' with the Amish."



Alex Karamol
sophomore
Badin

"Raving in the Knights of Columbus basement."



Greg Morman
freshman
Keenan

"Gettin' groovy at the Keenan Disco Roll!"



Kallie Drexler
sophomore
Walsh

"I spent my weekend not wearing my band uniform and watching Michigan lose."



Christopher Anderson
sophomore
Keenan

"Wearing tight pants and attempting to roller skate."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



TOM LA/The Observer

The quarterback from Zahm House drops back to pass at the Interhall football game against St. Ed's on Sunday. St. Ed's returned a fumble for a touchdown resulting in a 7-0 victory for the Gentlemen.

OFFBEAT

School asks students to bring their own toilet roll

DUBLIN — Irish parents struggling to buy schoolbooks and uniforms in the face of a deep recession may now have to worry about sending their children to school with a toilet roll as well as a packed lunch.

Pupils at a primary school in the southern county of Cork are being asked to bring their own toilet paper to school to help save money, one of the starkest examples yet of the death of Ireland's "Celtic Tiger" economy.

"The letter was sent out just as a way of balancing

books here in the school and not intended as a demand," said Catherine O'Neill, principal at St John's Girls National School.

Healthy baby born to woman in a coma

MUNICH — A 40-year-old woman who fell into a coma in the 13th week of her pregnancy delivered a healthy baby 22 weeks later in a Bavarian hospital, German broadcaster Bayerischer Rundfunk reported on Friday.

She suffered a heart attack and fell into a coma early in her pregnancy. The

University Clinic in Erlangen said it was the first time that a woman in a persistent vegetative state was able to deliver a healthy baby, the broadcaster said.

The baby is now 1-1/2 years old, it said.

It quoted Matthias Beckmann, a director at the hospital, saying: "We wanted to keep the spectacular case secret for as long as possible to demonstrate that we're not experimenting on people and that the child is still healthy."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Horst Teltschik, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's national security advisor will deliver a lecture titled "The Fall of the Wall and its Implications Twenty Years Later" today at 8 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium.

Robert Bird will continue the Catholic Culture Literature Series with "Close to Catholic: A Celebration of Kindred Spirits" on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall in room 155. The lecture will focus on the writings of Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Todd Schultz, senior application engineer for The MathWorks, Inc., will present two technical sessions on MATLAB for Notre Dame faculty, staff and student on Tuesday at The Eck Visitors' Center auditorium. The first session will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second session will occur from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The film *It Might Get Loud* will be screening in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students \$5 for faculty and staff. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu or call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform their fall concert at Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for faculty.

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Hellwig honored at Saint Mary's

Friends and former students gather to celebrate theologian's life

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The life of the former president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Monika K. Hellwig was celebrated this past Friday at a Saint Mary's College symposium titled "Monika K. Hellwig: The People's Theologian."

Former students, colleagues and friends all spoke on Hellwig's behalf. Rosemary Carbine of Whittier College said her experience of Hellwig as a professor was extremely formative, and said Hellwig presented "wisdom's feast" at each class.

"She invited, not coerced, college students to live Christianity as a dynamic tradition," Carbine said. "Any educational institution, Catholic or not, that promotes wisdom's feast will help students negotiate their religious and political identity."

Suzanne Clark of the

Shalem Institute was a fellow parishioner of Hellwig and highlighted her humility as one of her most outstanding attributes. Clark said she was shocked when she visited Hellwig's home and saw the small size of her closet.

"Here is this woman, internationally renowned, traveling everywhere, whose lifestyle was so simple," she said.

John Haughey of the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University said in addition to her humility, Hellwig possessed a strong sense of courage.

"[I'm impressed] how she could be so courageous with the courage of her hope, faith and love," he said. "It was a reconciling courage, not a dividing courage. She never alienated with her words, she only informed."

Freelance writer Evelyn Haught said Hellwig's most impressive role was as a mother. Hellwig lived with a British family during World War II as a refugee from the

Nazis — an experience which influenced her decision later in life to adopt children.

Haught said Hellwig faced many struggles as a single mother, which were compounded by health issues, lack of monetary support and the controversy at the time of a white mother raising biracial children.

"Many people knew she had children," Haught said. "[But] very few people knew the type of burden she carried in that act. Monika remained consistently loving towards her children and consistently hopeful."

Freelance writer Paula Minaert closed the symposium with a reflection on the life of Monika K. Hellwig as a woman who fully lived her Catholic baptismal calling.

"We can see Monika as a model for women, men, Catholics and Christians in the sense that she lived her life wholeheartedly with the gifts she had been given out of her faith."

The symposium was part of the college's year-long celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Center for Spirituality.

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"She invited, not coerced, college students to live Christianity as a dynamic tradition."

Rosemary Carbine
Whittier College

Medina performs poetry at College

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Award-winning poet Gabriela Garcia Medina performed selections from her work Friday evening at Saint Mary's College.

Medina has several poetry awards, been a part of the late night DEF Jam Poet show and done commercials for such companies as Toyota and Dove.

Medina's family moved from Cuba to London when she was young, and much of her work focuses on the immigrant experience.

Medina shared comedic poems about things like cooking experiences gone wrong but also addressed topics including rape, abuse, poverty, love and herself. Medina said she tries to discuss these topics in a way that will allow everyone to relate it to their own life experiences.

Medina said she was deeply influenced by her first visit to a homeless shelter.

"The only way I could stop crying was to get my emotions out," Medina said. "And I did that by writing."

Although she enjoys success now, Medina told the audience life as a writer is often strenuous, especially for fledgling writers.

"Write all the time," she said. "[Because] 90 percent of what you write will be crap, so to get that other 10 percent, you have to commit to doing it everyday."


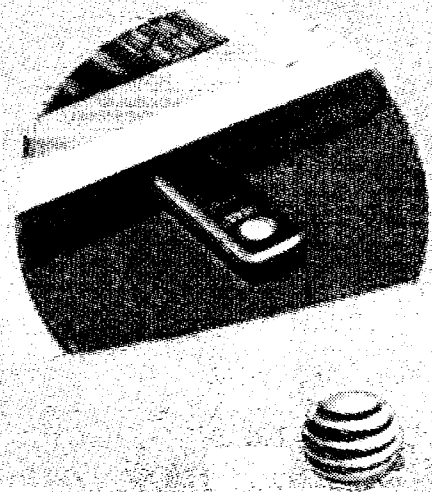

After she was finished, Medina invited other writers in the audience to share some of their own works.

"I remember when I was a young poet just starting," she said. "I was always looking for someone to listen to my work and to get feedback, and I want that to be available to you."

Caitlin Duerinck, Saint Mary's student and long-time DEF Jam fan, had been introduced to Medina's poetry by a teacher.

"I love DEF Jam poetry, they have a wide range of work, some serious and some hilarious and I love it all," Duerinck said. "When I heard [Medina] was coming, well there went all my plans for tonight."

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Domer Doggie Walk promotes neutering

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

About 60 dogs and their owners from the South Bend area participated in the fourth annual Domer Doggie Walk Sunday to raise money for low income people to spay or neuter their pets.

"It's a great way to socialize and the campus is so pretty," Ashley Walther from Mishawaka said. "I think it's just a really cool thing ... that they reach out to the public and try to help."

Owners and dogs that participated paid a registration fee and also collected pledges in order to raise money to help stop animal overpopulation. The proceeds of the event went to the St. Joseph County Spay Neuter Assistance Program, Kay Stewart, faculty advisor for the Pre-vet and Proponents of Animal Welfare Service (PAWS) clubs said.

Mariah Covey of South Bend, who works for a local veterinary clinic, brought her dog to the walk in order to support the cause.

"There are so many unwanted cats and dogs in this area and with the economy, people who love their pets are having to give them up," Covey said. "It's just critical that people spay and neuter their pets."

The money will go directly towards spaying and neutering animals in the area, for people who cannot afford to get their pets spayed or neutered because of the cost of surgery, Stewart said.

Surgery to spay or neuter depends on whether it is a dog or cat, and the size of the animal. It can cost anywhere from \$20 for a male cat to \$250 for a female dog.

There are 120,000 cats in St. Joseph county, and 40,000 are homeless, Stewart said.

"Our overall goal is to reduce the number of animals going into shelters because this area has a very large overpopulation of animals," she said.

The Domer Doggie Walk, which is sponsored by the Biology Club, the Pre-vet Club and the Proponents of Animal Welfare Service (PAWS) club, began with a blessing of the animals.

"There was a little prayer and speech," Covey said. "Just talking about St. Francis of Assisi and how animals are very important to our lives and how we need to remember that they are a part of us."

The participants then went on a walk around campus. The dogs could try at a mini agility course with jumps and hoops, or enter in contests like best trick, owner-dog look-a-like or friendliest dog, Stewart said.

"We asked if there was an award for best behaved dog," Pat Mooney of South Bend said with a laugh. "[My dog] was barking the whole time."

There was also a raffle and pet-a-cures, where dogs could get their nails trimmed, Stewart said.

The event also provided an opportunity for community members to come onto campus and also interact with students.

"Last year with us being on South Quad, we had a lot of students coming in and interacting with the owners and the pets and just enjoying having dogs on campus," she said.

Walther, who does not normally bring her dog on campus because it a little far from her home, said it was a nice change from her typical walking route.

"It's nice because it's got more nature and more people to interact with," she said. "It's fun to see all the dogs."

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Marathon

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Carson's first marathon, and she trained hard to accomplish her goal of finishing the race in under four hours, she said.

"I've heard that Chicago is a good first marathon because the course is nice and flat," she said. "I just had a lot of fun."

Junior Kelly Paulius also represented Notre Dame. She began her training in May when friends who were marathon veterans inspired her to participate.

"This was my first race, and there were so many fans and so many runners that it was really motivational," she said. Hundreds of thousands of

fans lined the course in order to cheer on family and friends, adding to the excitement.

Paulius ran with a source of motivation greater than the crowds, however. She completed a service project at the Boys and Girls Club over the summer and wanted to continue her connections with the group through fundraising.

"I collected a little over \$1,000," Paulius said. "Donations from family and friends really helped me on this project."

Sophomore Cristin Shaughnessy trained with her sister and her father and began in June, increasing her daily running mileage.

Shaughnessy also dedicated her performance to a charitable cause. Leading up to the race, she raised over \$3,000 dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for cancer studies.

"I wrote letters and started a Web site, so I received a lot of donations from my friends and family," she said.

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Kelly Paulius
junior

Rally

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dent and junior Christopher Rhodenbaugh said.

"The rally is about showing the widespread support in South Bend and the surrounding area for health insurance reform, showing the members of Congress that this is something that people really need and want and anyone who votes for it, this community will support and volunteer for them when they come up for re-election," he said.

To demonstrate public support for health care reform, the College Democrats have been calling Indiana residents during a weekly phone bank. Their goal is to reach five thousand people before the health care bill is submitted for a vote, which should be in mid-November, Rhodenbaugh said.

Rally attendee Sean Fritts shared the story of a family tragedy, which he believed could have been avoided with affordable health insurance.

When his wife Jennifer sought medical care for a cold during her pregnancy, the hospital turned her away. The next day, feeling more ill, Jennifer went with Sean to a different hospital. There, they lied that they had insurance, and she was diagnosed with

double pneumonia. But the finding came too late — 55 days later, she died in an intensive care unit.

Citing a recent study by Harvard Medical School and the Cambridge Health Alliance that found 45 thousand deaths each year are linked to a lack of health insurance, Rhodenbaugh voiced a moral argument for health care reform.

"We believe that health care is a human right and that it is a social justice issue and to have one of the wealthiest countries in world have 45 thousand people die every year because of lack of insurance is wrong," he said.

Sophomore Tim Ryan, who attended the rally, said that a for-profit system of health insurance is immoral.

"It's unethical," he said. "It's a violation of human rights."

Freshman James Crowe said any short-term costs will be outweighed by a system that cuts expenses in the long term.

"In the short run, it will send us into a deficit, but in the long run, it will be more efficient," he said.

"The fact that the public option means a government takeover" is a part of the debate that Rhodenbaugh believes is often misunderstood.

"President Obama said in

the health care speech that with the public option, roughly five percent of the population will be getting health insurance from the government," he said.

About 15 people attended an adjacent counter-demonstration in opposition to public intervention in the health care system.

Tim Grimes, founder and assistant organizer of Michiana's "9/12 Project," said he believed President Barack Obama's health care initiative was part of a larger scheme by the current administration to seize absolute control of the government and implement Obama's "total socialistic views."

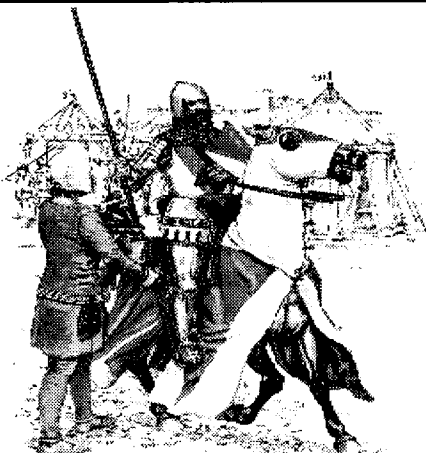
Grimes also saw a conspiracy in the program proposed to limit carbon emissions, claiming that "cap-and-trade is going to make Al Gore rich."

Rhodenbaugh said he was displeased with the debate's level of discourse thus far.

"I am unhappy with how the debate among the American people has gone about. The fact is that it's been very much reflex politics," he said. "I wish there was more thoughtful debate. A lot of people forget that Medicare is a successful government health insurance program."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australia resettles explosion survivors

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia will resettle 42 Afghan men who survived a boat explosion that killed five fellow asylum seekers in Australian waters in April, an official said on Monday.

Police announced this month that passengers had deliberately set fire to their wooden vessel after it was intercepted by the Australian navy about 350 miles (600 kilometers) northwest of the Australian coastal city of Broome.

But police said there was not enough evidence to charge any passenger.

The survivors, several of whom were injured by the explosion, had been found to be genuine refugees "because of the situation in Afghanistan and the potential threat to their lives that existed in Afghanistan," Immigration Minister Chris Evans told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio on Monday.

Garbage amounts increase in China

ZHANGJIDONG, China — Visitors can smell this village long before they see it.

More than 100 dump trucks piled high with garbage line the narrow road leading to Zhangjidong, waiting to empty their loads in a landfill as big as 20 football fields.

In less than five years, the Zhengzhou Comprehensive Waste Treatment Landfill has overwhelmed this otherwise pristine village of about 1,000 people. Peaches and cherries rot on trees, infested with insect life drawn by the smell. Fields lie unharvested, contaminated by toxic muck.

NATIONAL NEWS

Students injured in Iowa bus crash

INKOM, Iowa — A bus carrying a celebrated Utah high school band swerved off an Idaho interstate and crashed on its side, killing an instructor and injuring some students, police and a school official said.

Two students were rushed by helicopter ambulance Saturday night to a hospital in Pocatello, John Miller, director of the American Fork, Utah, high school band, told The Associated Press. Another 12 were sent to a hospital by ground ambulance with serious injuries, and 30 students were taken to a hospital for minor injuries, he said.

Idaho state police said a preliminary investigation showed that the bus driver had a medical condition that caused the crash.

Police have identified the person killed as 33-year-old Heather Christensen of Spanish Fork, Utah. She was the school's woodwind instructor. Police said the students' injuries were not life-threatening.

Wash. landslide forces evacuations

NACHES, Wash. — A massive landslide in central Washington state has blocked a highway, diverted a river and heavily damaged a home.

No injuries have been reported, but authorities tell the Yakima Herald-Republic that residents near the sparsely populated community of Nile were being evacuated because of flooding fears. Several homes received water damage as the Naches River sought a new course around the slide.

The state Department of Transportation says the slide, estimated to be a half-mile long, covered State Route 420 with at least 20 feet of dirt and rocks, about 10 miles west of Naches.

LOCAL NEWS

Underage alcohol program nabs 370

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An Indiana State Excise Police initiative that uses underage customers to catch retailers selling alcohol to people under age 21 netted more than 370 violations across Indiana in only three months.

The program sends people ages 18 to 20 into restaurants, grocery stores and other alcohol retailers with no identification. The underage shoppers are not allowed to lie if a retailer asks their age.

"I don't think we had any idea what to expect because it was a new program," said Excise Police Officer Jennifer Fults said. "From an enforcement perspective, it's been enlightening to see where the problem areas are."

Gay rights advocates march in D.C.

Supporters of homosexual advancement rally in capital demanding reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of gay rights supporters marched Sunday from the White House to the Capitol, demanding that President Barack Obama keep his promises to allow gays to serve openly in the military and work to end discrimination against gays.

Rainbow flags and homemade signs dotted the crowds filling Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House as people chanted "Hey, Obama, let mama marry mama" and "We're out, we're proud, we won't back down." Many children were also among the protesters. A few counter-protesters had also joined the tens of thousands of people in the crowd, which stretched several blocks by the afternoon.

Jason Yanowitz, a 37-year-old computer programmer from Chicago, held his daughter, 5-year-old Amira, on his shoulders. His partner, Annie, had their 2-year-old son, Isiah, in a stroller. Yanowitz said more straight people were turning out to show their support for gay rights.

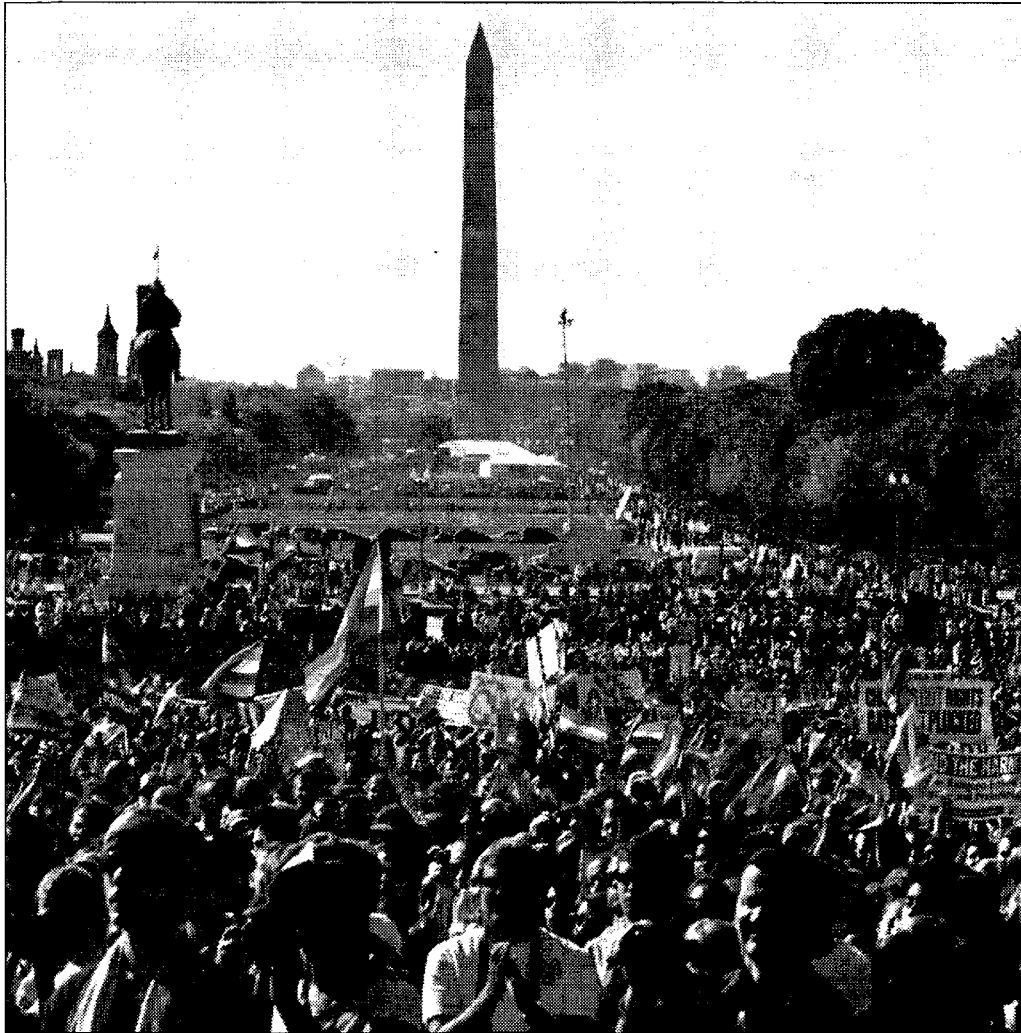
"If somebody doesn't have equal rights, then none of us are free," he said.

"For all I know, she's gay or he's gay," he added, pointing to his children.

Keynote speaker Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP, firmly linked the gay rights struggle to the Civil Rights movement, saying gays and lesbians should be free from discrimination.

"Black people of all people should not oppose equality, and that is what marriage is all about," he said. "We have a lot of real and serious problems in this country, and same-sex marriage is not one of them. Good things don't come to those who wait, but they come to those who agitate."

Some participants in the National Equality March woke up energized by Obama's blunt pledge to end the ban on gays serving



Gay rights advocates marched in Washington on Sunday demanding that President Obama keep his promises to allow gays to serve openly in the military and work to end discrimination against gays.

openly in the military during a speech to the nation's largest gay rights group Saturday night.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Sunday that Congress will need to muster the resolve to change the "don't ask, don't tell policy" — a change that the military may be ready for.

"I think it has to be done in the right way, which is to get a buy-in from the military, which I think is now possible," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Obama's political energies have been focused on two wars, the economic crisis and health care reform, though he pledged "unwavering" commitment even as he wrestled with those

problems.

March organizer Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and a protégé of gay rights pioneer Harvey Milk, said he had initially discouraged a rally earlier in the year. But he and others began to worry Obama was backing away from his campaign promises.

"Since we've seen that so many times before, I didn't want it to happen again," he said. "We're not settling. There's no such thing as a fraction of equality."

Pop singer Lady Gaga got the biggest cheers on stage. She didn't perform but pledged to reject homophobia in the music industry for her "most beautiful gay fans in the world."

Unlike the first march in

1979 and others in 1987, 1993 and 2000 that included celebrity performances and drew as many as 500,000 people, Sunday's event was driven by grassroots efforts and was expected to be more low-key. Washington authorities don't disclose crowd estimates at rallies, though at least several thousand appeared to be in attendance.

Also among the crowd were a couple of noteworthy activists: Cynthia Nixon, a cast member from HBO's "Sex and the City" who hopes to marry partner Christine Marinoni next year; and Judy Shepard, who became an advocate for gay rights after her son Matthew was killed because he was gay.

IRELAND

IRA splinter group renounces violence

Associated Press

DUBLIN — The Irish National Liberation Army, an IRA splinter group responsible for some of the most notorious killings of the Northern Ireland conflict, renounced violence Sunday and signaled it could hand over weapons soon to disarmament officials.

Eleven years after calling a leaky cease-fire, the outlawed INLA said it would observe "exclusively peaceful means" and cooperate with Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, leader of an international commission that oversees the disarmament of underground armies operating in

both parts of Ireland. However, the INLA did not explicitly promise to disarm fully nor specify when the secretive process would start.

The INLA-linked Irish Republican Socialist Party made the announcement at its annual parade near Dublin in honor of their movement's founder, Seamus Costello. He was shot to death by an Irish Republican Army member in the capital in October 1977.

The move was widely seen as another shot in the arm for Northern Ireland's largely successful peace process, which already has delivered IRA disarmament and a Catholic-Protestant government in

Northern Ireland. INLA officials said the announcement was not timed to coincide with Sunday's visit to Dublin and Belfast by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

British and Irish security officials downplayed the value of words from the INLA, a feud-prone alliance of small gangs that long have turned on each other for control of criminal rackets, including sales of counterfeit goods and smuggled cigarettes.

The IRA-linked Sinn Féin party likewise expressed skepticism that the INLA statement really meant an ironclad commitment to nonviolence.

Iraqis start over in America

Associated Press

Her mansion in Iraq was bombed, her medical career and future in her beloved country dashed the day she found a white envelope on her car windshield. Inside was a single bullet. Wassan Yassin was marked for death.

She knew she had to flee. She eventually landed in America, far from where her life was threatened, her sister was shot and her co-worker kidnapped. Her new Florida surroundings offered a haven from the horrors of war.

But there is no happy ending. Not yet, at least.

Yassin's first year here has been marked by frustrating — even humiliating — experiences: A small apartment in a crime-scarred area of Jacksonville. Food stamps. And no job, even though she's a gynecologist who also morphed into a construction company executive during the war.

Saif Alnasseri, a 31-year-old wartime translator and journalist, has fared better. A former pharmacist at a large Iraq hospital, he now is a pharmacist's assistant in a New Jersey drug store. Life in America has been a trade-off: His job supervising dozens of workers, his comfortable home and lush garden in Baghdad are gone, but he has something else — security.

"We are safe here and this is very important to us," Alnasseri says. "But there are a lot of things I spent years building in Baghdad. ... I was very well-known in my neighborhood. They called me doctor. I had a lot of people who respected me. Here I'm starting from the beginning. From zero."

"Every day I say, 'OK, I made the right decision,'" he adds. "After two hours, I say, 'Did I really?'"

For thousands of Iraqis, resettling in America has been an agonizing transition filled with questions, doubts — and, sometimes, despair.

Many Iraqis have discovered that gold-plated resumes have opened few doors in a nation

reeling from its worst economic decline since the Depression. Stories abound of Iraqi professionals doing menial jobs — a doctor flipping burgers, a drug-gist washing dishes.

Iraqis also have struggled to navigate a confusing bureaucracy and an overburdened social service system that has sometimes run out of money to help provide their basic needs.

"Everything is kind of conspiring to make it a particularly difficult time for them," says Bob Carey, a vice president of the International Rescue Committee, a refugee assistance agency. "There's the declining economy, the conditions from which they come, the conditions in which they arrive, the fact they're often highly skilled professionals with sometimes high expectations."

"It is," he says, "the perfect storm."

Only a trickle of some 2 million Iraqi refugees have resettled in America since the war began. Most have poured into Syria, Jordan or other neighboring countries.

About 38,000 Iraqis have come to the United States in the last three fiscal years, compared with just hundreds in the three prior years. The overwhelming majority are refugees; others received special immigrant visas, awarded to translators or those who've worked with the U.S. government or contractors.

The State Department says the exodus of Iraqis didn't start until 2006, after the bombing of the mosque in Samarra ignited sectarian violence.

Advocacy groups and some lawmakers have long accused the U.S. government of being too slow to respond to the Iraqi refugee crisis, imperiling those who'd been targeted because they'd worked with Americans. Some of the delays were blamed on the many layers of security clearance.

But things have improved. After Capitol Hill hearings, a new law making it easier for American-affiliated Iraqis to

move here and the appointment of a State Department adviser to deal with the issue, the pace of admissions has picked up dramatically since 2007. The Obama administration this summer also named a coordinator of Iraqi refugee efforts.

Even so, only 20 percent of at least 20,000 Iraqis with American ties who've applied have arrived in the United States since 2003, according to an April report by Human Rights First. Some wait more than a year in other countries, unable to work. "It has the potential to put them in this cruel psychological limbo," says Ruthie Epstein, the report's chief author.

Once Iraqis do arrive, they face new problems.

Many Iraqi refugees interviewed in Atlanta and Phoenix had exhausted government and social service aid, according to a recent report by the rescue committee.

"We really do have a moral obligation as a country to help them start over with basic tools in a dignified way," Carey says. "Right now, that's not happening."

Almost every refugee has a story of terror in Iraq, followed by struggle in America.

Consider Sameer Oro, a food and beverage manager for a U.S. Army contractor who later opened a store selling liquor near a Baghdad hotel. In 2005, he says, he was kidnapped, blindfolded, stuffed in a car trunk, a knife held to his throat. He was freed after seven days when his wife raised \$35,000, selling their car and gold.

Last year, Oro moved with his family to California, where his brother lives. At first, he says, his \$1,350 monthly government aid (along with food stamps) was enough, but then the payments shrunk. Now he has to borrow about \$400 a month from his niece.

"We are not coming here to start suffering again," laments the 57-year-old former airline flight service director, who is unemployed.

No prison time for relic looters

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Stepping into the afternoon sun last month, Jeanne Redd and her daughter Jericca walked away from a federal courthouse with probation papers — not prison time — for their role in the theft and illegal trafficking of Indian artifacts.

Some, including one of the Salt Lake City's daily newspapers, expressed frustration that the judge didn't come down harder on the duo from southern Utah.

History however says the punishment for the Redds, who pleaded guilty to several felonies, was fairly typical. Despite high-profile arrests and indictments, most people convicted of illegally digging up, collecting and cashing in on artifacts in the United States don't go to prison.

And for those that do, most are in for a year or less, according to a 10-year analysis of prosecutions under a 1979 law meant to punish those that foul the country's cultural resources.

In Jeanne Redd's case, prosecutors had sought at least 18 months in prison. She's among 26 people charged after a federal sting operation that lasted more than two years and included hundreds of transactions between an undercover agent and buyers and sellers from Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

At sentencing, U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups gave her three years probation and a \$2,000 fine for seven felony counts of plundering artifacts from tribal and federal lands. She and her daughter, who got two years of probation, had already surrendered a collection of

more than 800 artifacts ranging from exquisite pottery and decorative pendants to human remains.

The sentences didn't surprise Robert Palmer, an archaeologist and former academic who analyzed Archaeological Resources Protection Act prosecutions from 1996 to 2005.

His analysis, published in an obscure law journal in 2007, found that of the 83 people found guilty, 20 went to prison and 13 of those received sentences of a year or less. Palmer also found that while prosecutors were successful in the cases they took on, they turned away about a third of the cases they got, mostly because of weak evidence or a lack of clear criminal intent.

Those refusals — along with a lack of manpower and other priorities for investigators — are part of the reason why "we are witnessing the wholesale stripping and selling off for scrap our collective American heritage," said Palmer, who now works as the senior law enforcement ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa.

"People might see these as insignificant but over time, you're removing context, you're removing significance, you're removing the lens of the future to look back at the past," he said.

On average, 840 looting cases are reported each year — more than two per day — across federal land managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, according to Todd Swain, the Park Service's lone investigator on cultural crimes.

Darker side of Columbus taught at schools

Associated Press

TAMPA — Jeffrey Kolowith's kindergarten students read a poem about Christopher Columbus, take a journey to the New World on three paper ships and place the explorer's picture on a timeline through history.

Kolowith's students learn about the explorer's significance — though they also come away with a more nuanced picture of Columbus than the noble discoverer often portrayed in pop culture and legend.

"I talk about the situation where he didn't even realize where he was," Kolowith said. "And we talked about how he was very, very mean, very bossy."

Columbus' stature in U.S. classrooms has declined somewhat through the years, and many districts will not observe his namesake holiday on Monday. Although lessons vary, many teachers are trying to present a more balanced perspective of what happened after Columbus reached the Caribbean and the suffering of

indigenous populations.

"The whole terminology has changed," said James Kracht, executive associate dean for academic affairs in the Texas A&M College of Education and Human Development. "You don't hear people using the word 'discovery' anymore like they used to. 'Columbus discovers America.' Because how could he discover America if there were already people living here?"

In Texas, students start learning in the fifth grade about the "Columbian Exchange" — which consisted not only of gold, crops and goods shipped back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, but diseases carried by settlers that decimated native populations.

In McDonald, Pa., 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, fourth-grade students at Fort Cherry Elementary put Columbus on trial this year — charging him with misrepresenting the Spanish crown and thievery. They found him guilty and sentenced him to life in prison.

"In their own verbiage, he

was a bad guy," teacher Laurie Crawford said.

Of course, the perspective given varies across classrooms and grades. Donna Sabis-Burns, a team leader with the U.S. Department of Education's School Support and Technology Program, surveyed teachers nationwide about the Columbus reading materials they used in class for her University of Florida dissertation. She examined 62 picture books, and found the majority were outdated and contained inaccurate — and sometimes outright demeaning — depictions of the native Taino population.

The federal holiday itself also is not universally recognized. Schools in Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Seattle will be open; New York City, Washington and Chicago schools will be closed.

The day is an especially sensitive issue in places with larger native American populations.

"We have a very large Alaska native population, so just the whole Columbus being the founder of the United States,

doesn't sit well with a lot of people, myself included," said Paul Prussing, deputy director of Alaska's Division of Teaching and Learning Support.

Many recall decades ago when there was scant mention of indigenous groups in discussions about Columbus. Kracht remembers a picture in one of his fifth-grade textbooks that showed Columbus wading to shore with a huge flag and cross.

"The indigenous population was kind of waiting expectantly, almost with smiles on their faces," Kracht said. "I wonder what this guy is bringing us? Well, he's bringing us smallpox, for one thing, and none of us are going to live very long."

Kracht said an emerging multiculturalism led more people to investigate the cruelties suffered by the Taino population in the 1960s and '70s, along with the 500th anniversary in 1992.

However, there are people who believe the discussion has shifted too far. Patrick Korten, vice president of communications for the Catholic fraternal

service organization the Knights of Columbus, recalled a note from a member who saw a lesson at a New Jersey school.

The students were forced to stand in a cafeteria and not allowed to eat while other students teased and intimidated them — apparently so they could better understand the suffering indigenous populations endured because of Columbus, Korten said.

"My impression is that in some classrooms, it's anything but a balanced presentation," Korten said. "That it's deliberately very negative, which is a matter of great concern because that is not accurate."

Korten said he doesn't believe such activities are widespread — though the lessons will certainly vary.

In Kolowith's Tampa class, students gathered around a white carpet, where they examined a pile of bright plastic fruits and vegetables, baby dolls, construction paper and other items as they decided what would be best for their voyage.

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GM customers chose rebate over refund

NEW YORK — For most GM customers, a money-back guarantee just isn't as tempting as money up front.

General Motors Co. CEO Fritz Henderson said Friday that the "vast majority" of GM buyers are choosing a \$500 rebate instead of the automaker's 60-day money-back guarantee.

Under GM's much-touted refund promotion, which runs through Nov. 30, customers can return their Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC or Buick vehicle nearly free of charge if they are unsatisfied. They can also waive the return policy and take a \$500 rebate toward the purchase of their car instead.

Henderson said during an online chat on a company Web site that "consumers appreciate the option, but the facts speak for themselves."

It's still too soon to know if any customers are taking GM up on its return offer. Buyers can only make returns after 30 days of ownership, and the promotion officially launched on Sept. 14. That means even customers who bought their vehicle on the first day would have to wait a bit longer to ask for a refund.

The program, whose launch coincided with an advertising campaign featuring Chairman Ed Whitacre, is designed to lure customers who were uncertain about buying a GM vehicle. GM officials have said the program is designed to show consumers that perceptions of inferior quality are outdated.

Foodstamps swapped for booze, viagra

DETROIT — Viagra and pornography are not staples on the government's food stamp list. But authorities say a Detroit store supplied them during a series of illegal deals.

Federal prosecutors filed fraud charges this week against three people who worked at Jefferson's Liquor Palace.

The alleged scheme worked this way: Food stamp recipients would get cash from the store in exchange for swiping larger amounts off their electronic cards. The store would then be reimbursed by the U.S. Agriculture Department.

But in some transactions, the government the store provided informants Viagra, liquor and porn in exchange for swiping about \$2,000 off food stamp cards.

The government says fraud at the store topped \$130,000 over 2½ years. The store is closed.

Hudson River cleaning wraps up

Phase 1 of PCB removal from New York river ends with successful results

Associated Press

FORT EDWARD — Crews dredging a polluted stretch of the upper Hudson River this year battled high water, old logging debris and unexpected levels of PCB contamination that slowed progress.

But as the first phase of one of the most costliest and complex federal Superfund projects wraps up this month, regulators say results are generally positive and show dredging can work. They are already preparing for a far more expansive second phase, which would clean up 40 miles of river and likely push total project costs over \$700 million.

"We took on Mother Nature. She threw everything at us but the kitchen sink, from timber, to boats that were sunk, to tree branches," said George Pavlou, acting regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. "We prevailed in the end."

Dredging began in the rural area in May after decades of argument over how to deal with tons of PCBs that flowed down the river in 1973 after a dam was removed. Upriver General Electric plants in Fort Edward and neighboring Hudson Falls discharged wastewater containing PCBs for decades before the popular lubricant and coolant was banned in 1977. PCBs, or polychlorinated vinyls, are considered probable carcinogens.

Under an agreement between General Electric Co. and the EPA, the company paid the cost of dredging concentrated pockets of PCBs this year about 40 miles north of Albany. GE treated the toxic waste at a nearby "dewatering" plant and shipped the dried remains by rail to a western Texas



Crews dredge a stretch of the Hudson River in Fort Edward, N.Y., on Oct. 7. Dredging began in May after decades of argument on how to deal with PCB pollution. AP

site for burial in a landfill designed to isolate the treated PCBs from the surroundings.

Crews managed to dredge 10 of 18 PCB "hot spots" targeted this year. They removed more than 240,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment, but expect to fall shy of the original target of 265,000 cubic yards when dredging ends mid-month.

Progress was slowed because contamination was often deeper and more concentrated than expected. In some areas, crews removed 60 to 80 percent more sediment than expected, said GE spokesman Mark Behan. In particular, contaminated debris left over from

the old Adirondack logging industry complicated work.

"There was substantially more wood debris than expected, and the wood debris at the bottom of the river made it impossible for the sampling to determine the depth of the contaminated sediment," Behan said.

At one point, dredging crews accidentally ripped into the original Fort Edward, which had been buried in a river bank, prompting an archaeological excavation of the 1750s British fort and revelations about military engineering of forts in the wilderness.

It's still not clear if the eight unfinished hot spots

will be cleaned up next year or rolled into Phase 2, which the EPA wants to start in 2011.

Barges will start leaving the river in the coming weeks. Results of the work will be analyzed by General Electric, the EPA and an independent panel of experts with an eye toward making improvements for the next phase, which could take five years.

The overriding question before the work began was whether dredging would be a cure worse than the disease. Opponents feared dredging would kick up contaminated silt and spike pollution levels in the river.

Teens' top savings goal is college

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Stroll through the mall on a weekend and you get the impression teens save money to buy clothes or iPods and video game systems, but a new survey shows their priority is quite different — saving for college.

The survey by online brokerage TD Ameritrade Holding Corp. shows putting money away for higher education is the top savings goal for today's teens. The results showed 62 percent of teens aged 14 through 19 save their money for college, a much higher rate than the 40 percent of adults who said they saved when they were teens.

The results weren't expected by educators who are pushing for

financial literacy education in schools.

"It's a pleasant surprise that we're seeing young people paying that much attention to the importance of this issue," said Joseph Peri, CEO of the nonprofit Council for Economic Education. "Part of teaching the importance of investing is showing that the best investment a young person can make is an investment in themselves."

Peri's group and several other educational organizations are holding a conference in Washington this weekend in which 500 educators and government officials are discussing ways to teach basic financial literacy in schools. That means educating students about budgeting, bank accounts, investing and saving.

Although the survey by Omaha, Neb.-based TD Ameritrade indicated teens understand some of those concepts, it revealed some interesting generational shifts in attitudes about money.

Fewer than half of today's teens said they get their cash from part-time or weekend jobs, while 77 percent of adults said work was their source of money as teens.

Today's teens get most of their money from their parents or from gifts for occasions like birthdays.

The fact that they are given more of their money rather than earning it increases the importance of financial literacy at a young age, said Diane Young, director of retirement and goal planning for TD Ameritrade.



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and intended to be a Psychology and Spanish double major, with an interest in studying abroad.

The funds raised from the run go directly to a scholarship that multiple people can receive to study in Toledo, Spain. Applicants are required to write an essay about how they are representative of Fox's qualities and about what good they hope to do while studying in Spain, Caminiti and Sample said.

This year, the commissioners contacted Notre Dame alumni inviting them to the run. If they couldn't attend the run, they were encouraged to purchase T-shirts.

"With the donation from

alumni and the day of the race registration we raised over \$5,000 that goes directly to the scholarship fund," Caminiti said.

The race is five kilometers long and started in front of Rockne Memorial Hall. The route went around the lakes, through campus and ended in front of South Dining Hall. There was also a 1-mile fun walk around Saint Mary's Lake participants could choose instead, Caminiti and Sample said.

Luna Bar sponsored the race and participants had six different kinds of Luna Bars and two types of Luna cookies to choose from. Participants also received a long sleeve purple shirt and a Luna water bottle. There were also prizes for the top runners, including donations from the Hammes

Bookstore and gift cards to restaurants, Caminiti and Sample said.

The male winners were Eric Bens and Ian Graham, and the female winner was Laura Lindsley. The top finisher from Lyons was Kat Rodriguez, Caminiti and Sample said.

The week leading up to the race was Mara Fox Week in Lyons, which focuses on alcohol awareness. Lyons had scrapbooks out for people to learn about Mara's life, showed part of a video of the news coverage of the trial of the man who killed Fox, took a trip to the Grotto to light a candle and say a prayer for Fox, had a drunk-driving simulator and their brother dorm, St. Edward's Hall, had a question and answer session with University President Fr. John Jenkins, Caminiti and Sample said.

Every year, Fox's family comes to South Bend for the run, and this year 25 family members attended.

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Several participants in the Mara Fox Run round the lakes during the event early Saturday morning.

H1N1

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vaccine.

"Our students are still in a high priority group, but since we're only going to get so much of the vaccine, it's tiered even further," she said.

Currently, the vaccine is available in the form of nasal flu mist. Kleva said eventually the state may receive it in the form of an injection.

"I feel very strongly that we make the vaccine available to our population, should they chose to receive it," she said.

Kleva said she has heard some concern about the spread of the H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as swine flu, from students and parents — especially after reports of a swine flu-related death in St. Joseph County.

The Indiana Department of Health confirmed Thursday that a resident of the County died after contracting the H1N1 virus.

The death is the state's fifth swine flu death in 2009.

The 11-year old girl was taken to Memorial Hospital last Monday, and died early Tuesday morning, according to a South Bend Tribune report.

But Kleva said the incidents of H1N1 on campus have been relatively mild.

"This case had a tragic outcome," she said of the 11-year-old's death. "But we have to remember the vast majority of people who get H1N1 are experiencing a lot less symptoms than even the

seasonal flu."

The number of swine flu cases on campus has decreased in the past three weeks, Kleva said.

Through Oct. 3, Health Services has treated a total of 334 students with Influenza Like Illness.

"I would love to think that we are over the hump with H1N1," she said.

But she said students are

not in the clear yet.

Kleva said another rash of outbreaks could occur after Fall break as students return to their homes all over the country and get exposed elsewhere.

"The numbers are coming down, but the seasonal flu season is just starting."

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choices for mascot included rascals, renegades, sirens, roses, and wranglers.

The final vote included a choice of renegades or wildcats for mascot and pink and navy or turquoise and white for colors schemes. The results were announced Oct. 4.

"I haven't heard any complaints," Vargas said of the outcome. "I think we all came together as a dorm."

Last week Ryan collected submissions from residents for drawings of the Wildcat mascot. The residents voted on the 13 options Friday and Saturday, and the result was released Sunday night.

With the Wildcat mascot, Tornifolio said she hopes there will be more pride and spirit in the dorm. For example, at interhall football games, she said other dorms cheer for their team by calling out the name of the mascot, but Ryan was without one for the first few games.

"Now we have something that we can say," she said.

Tornifolio said the next step would be the creation of Ryan apparel.

"I think that a big thing for us is to have something that actually says 'Ryan Hall Wildcats' on it," she said.

After fall break, the executive council will begin to establish a signature event for the hall, in addition to other events that will develop community among the residents, Vargas said.

"[Ryan] really needs to be a community where people get to

know each other," she said. "It's really up to the dorm. I want everyone to be involved. I want to see events that people want to go to."

Vargas said the process of leading a new residence hall to create traditions has been exciting.

"We're trying to form our own identity," she said. "I think that it's a really great experience. You really get to start from scratch and try new things. No one has any expectations yet because nothing's set in stone."

One of the challenges in this process is the mixture of upper-classmen who moved from other residence halls and were accustomed to a variety of dif-

ferent traditions and dorm cultures, Vargas said.

Tornifolio, who was the rector of Pasquerilla East Hall for three years before moving to Ryan, said this year has been both fun and challenging.

"I think when you have stuff established, you just take things for granted that it's going to run smoothly," she said.

The dedication of Ryan Hall will take place Oct. 16 with a mass in the Basilica with the Ryan family. University President Fr. Jenkins will also bless the Hall, and the residents will host a reception following the dedication, Tornifolio said.

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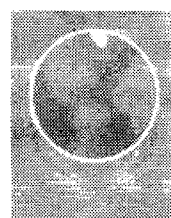
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I am woman?

I used to think being a woman was not so bad. Apparently, it's awful! Locked out of the priesthood and locked into providing the moral ideals for all of America! Worse than the weather, but more beautiful than men. Sex object in any setting, but ugly when smart, über-professional, and yet, coldly catty. No respect from men and too much deference from men, having doors held open for you all the time and other such nasty things.



Jackie
Mirandola
Mullen

Freckled Thoughts

Thank goodness I've now been enlightened as to just how horrible womanhood is. Otherwise, I may have quietly continued on in a situation I didn't even realize I needed to get out of: getting free things, discriminated against, berated for the body I do have and yet discouraged from the alternative; possessing infinite freedom in our new age while resisting infinite pressure to be everything.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to announce my resignation of womanhood. I have enjoyed it tremendously and I resign quite hesitantly, but I cannot continue to lie to myself about the state of our gender. The results of my inquiries have been too inconclusive to support continuing on unchanged.

In researching what it means to be a woman, the evidence has pointed to the label as repressive, freeing, sexual, prudent, stylish, bland, endearing, overbearing, seductive and revolting. It

doesn't take an English Major to realize how antithetical those characteristics are of each other. You can keep arguing, trying to decide which opposite wins, but if you do, you may be missing the larger point:

Women don't actually exist!

Many things contradict themselves. Water bottles give people in third world countries water to survive, but they also create pollutants and unmanageable expenses. The Dining Hall puts the salad bar right next to the donuts. The football team simultaneously gets better and worse every year.

These things can all be very confusing. But when a girl is trying to grow up, trying to establish herself as a woman and she hears from every side that women are too [adjective] while also too [opposite adjective], who is she supposed to be?

It's easy to be cute, girlish and also a little tomboyish when you are still young and unaccountable for the definition of "woman." But when you hit college, womanhood becomes a necessarily defined state of being. Do you value a career or children? Do you spend time on fashion or books? Are you seductive or bubbly? Do you "get things done" or have lots of time for friends?

Or do you manage to attempt them all, like so many women unable to pick between the diametric opposites and end up exhausted, confused and without feelings of individuality?

Being a "feminist" apparently is too obnoxious to exist in today's world — that was only part of the radical, pot-smoking, peace-loving (and therefore God-less?) decade of the 1970s. No, today, that women's rights stuff supercedes acceptable social behavior, and

for some reason isn't worth saving women from unfair discrimination, assault or domestic violence. But could that be wrong? How about when you consider that between 1998 and 2002, according to the American Bar Association, 84 percent of spouse abuse victims were female and 86 percent of victims of dating partner abuse were female?

Debating so much about what women are, and in what ways they are discriminated against or favored, enables the same gender inequalities that so many women and men spend their lives combating. Overly debating the intrinsic nature of women introduces an unmanageably paradoxical set of criticisms and expectations for women to meet, making them even more vulnerable to feelings of low self-worth that make abuse so difficult to prevent.

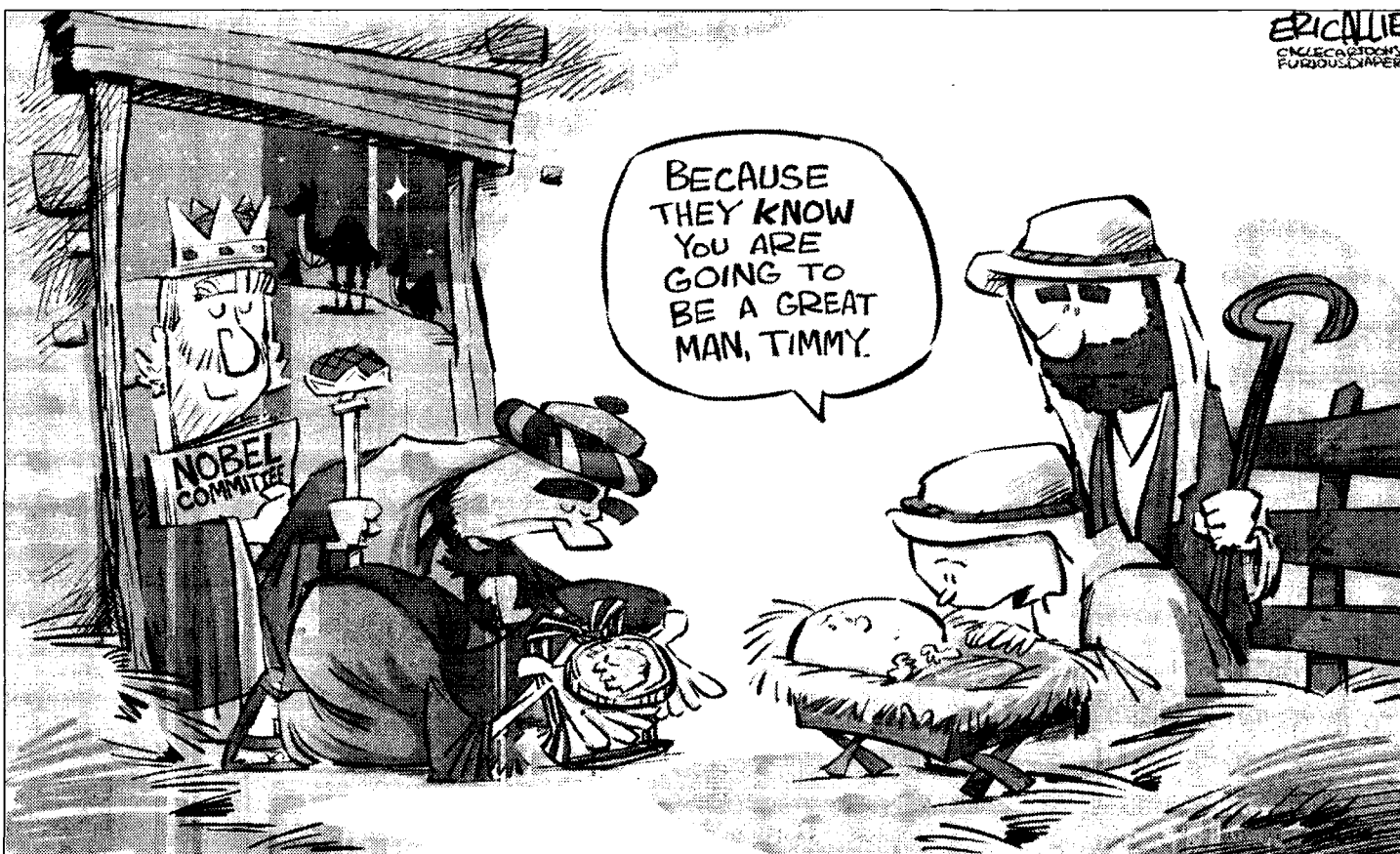
And it's exactly those feelings that make it seem like being a woman is not worth it. What dignity am I trying to uphold, if womanhood contradicts itself to the point of absurdity? What if I don't want to choose between a family, a career and making a difference, and I instead just want to retain a little bit of myself in the fold? I'm too exhausted to figure out who I am right now, and trying to figure out what type of woman I am adds too much stress to be helpful.

I'd like to call myself a woman again someday, but until I figure out what that is, I'm just going to be plain old Jackie for a while.

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"Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window."

Steve Wozniak
founder of Apple Inc.

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"No place affords a more striking conviction of the vanity of human hopes than a public library."

Samuel Johnson
English author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Cullen's response to a Mullen

Hey Sean Mullen, it's Sean Cullen. I know you don't know me, but I wanted you to know that I personally tried to live the way you believe homosexuals should live. Seriously, dude, it majorly sucked. The struggle I had over the course of my years at Notre Dame coming to grips with my sexuality was not an insignificant one. I am talking about an all-consuming guilt and shame that ultimately led me to cry myself to sleep one night in my dorm's chapel, praying to not be gay anymore. I need you to know an ounce of what it feels like to try and live that way.

Fortunately, my story is a happy one. The first person I came out to, my ex-girlfriend, remains one of my closest friends. When I came out to guys in my dorm, my friend Joe stood up, gave me a hug and said they were all there for me. I even had some retrospectively hilarious coming-out moments. (Note to past self: Do not get gay-themed movies sent to you by Netflix if you live with people who don't respect federal laws prohibiting tampering with the mail of others.)

What is the common thread to these stories? They involve Notre Dame students — students who idealize all the reasons why I love Notre Dame. They help those in their most dire times of need. They offer support instead of judgment. Quite simply, they love. Indeed, it is these ideals that inspired me to pursue my current career. I am a second year M.D./Ph.D student at Baylor College of Medicine. I have a boyfriend and family and friends that love me as I am.

I say these things to assure anyone in the Notre Dame community struggling with similar issues that it is possible to lead a fulfilling, happy life as an openly gay person. You should know that for every Sean Mullen in the world who wants you to hide who you truly are from everyone, there is a Sean Cullen who thinks you are good and beautiful and perfect exactly as you are.

Sean Cullen
alumnus
class of 2008
Oct. 9

USC pep rally

Dear whoever is in charge of pep rallies,

Why is the pep rally for the biggest game I will ever witness as a student being held at Irish Green? Those things are pathetic excuses for pep rallies. Any pep rally that does not include the whole team, the whole band and the largest portion of the student body is not worthy of any game, much less this game. What happened to holding it in the stadium? Or better yet, if the powers that be want some nice little carnival to cater to kids and old alums, go ahead and have that for them. Have a coach go speak down there. Let the students and team have another one in Stepan. Beat SC!

Sincerely,

Tara Pillai
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Pasquerilla East Hall
Oct. 8

Beat SC

Dear Students,

We're still losing to SC. If you're like me, then you hate this. You hate them. The time has come for the Irish to resume their place in this rivalry. Southern Cal is the only program that matches our history and our mystique. That sentence does not please me. It is time to knock them down a few pegs. If you don't think this game is important, then consider that nearly 20 recruits are going to be at this game. We go toe-to-toe with SC on recruiting nearly all of these men. We can beat them in recruiting and on the field.

A lot of it comes down to you. Starting Monday, show the team that you are behind

them 100 percent. Newspaper ads, posters, signs, cheers at dinner, 'greeting' SC, seeing a player and letting him you know you will be there, etc. I cannot be there on Saturday, but my wife will attest to the fact that I will stand and cheer in front of my TV for the whole game.

The crowd at the 1988 Miami game helped the Irish win that day. You can do the same. Be loud. Be heard. Be Irish and fight for them all week long. Bury SC!

John L. Morris
alumnus
class of 2002
Oct. 8

We are all ND

Having endured the toils and trials of Catholic education since age five, I feel it's safe to say I am somewhat well-versed in our church's stance on homosexuality. So, as a member of the Notre Dame family, Sean Mullen, I'm going to share a quote from our Catechism: "2206 The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another." Stemming from Oct. 7's colorful Viewpoint, "Don't ask, don't tell," do you feel that you really showed respect for the homosexual members of the Notre Dame family by telling them they should effectively hide their identity because you feel that by being themselves they "can feel better about their sin?"

Sex is described by the Catechism as needing to be between a man and a woman for "2363 The good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life." So, if we're following correctly, the purpose of sex is to share love and make babies. The Church, then, is against any act of sex whose goals or outcomes aren't those two things. Unfortunately, "practicing homosexuality," or even using contraceptives, won't produce life and therefore is a big "no-no" in the

Church's eyes. That, ladies and gentlemen, is why the Church is against the act of practicing homosexuality. Nothing to do with the people, just the act. Think hard and you could conclude that the church is equally against pre-marital sex and sex used with contraceptives. Yet, there aren't nearly as many prejudices against homosexuals who technically don't abide by the catechism in their sexual practices, are there? Clearly, this is an issue of prejudice toward homosexuals which is a shame, because I've met some extremely interesting and kind-hearted people here at Notre Dame that just so happen to be gay.

So, Sean Mullen, although you "have nothing against gay people," your inflammatory "Don't ask, don't tell" suggestion and lack of overall tact were offensive, not only to the GLBTQ community of Notre Dame, but to all those lucky enough to call ourselves their friends. Being inclusive doesn't make us "secular," it makes us Catholic.

Ellen Peralta
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Oct. 8

The fairer sex-ism

I hate nothing more than people who decide it's their job to provide hilarious reading by responding to the "Question of the Day" with witty remarks or "facts." Fact: "Question of the Day" is the only public forum where heartfelt viewpoints can be expressed. To Colin and all the other comedians freeloading on this sacred Observer ground, here is a free lesson on how to respond to Q's of the D.

Question: Why is it worse to be a woman? Answer: Societal oppression — something that chivalrous men like myself are trying to end for our "broken rib" (Gen. 2:18-24).

To properly address why it is worse to be a woman, we must assess the degree to which men and women are different. As this is a forum for logical thought, the dominion of man, I will present a rational argument with scientific backing. In order to achieve this, I am going to be objective and frank in a comparison of the sexes. I will begin by presenting a list of notable women, all great credits to their sex: Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Emma Watson, Blessed Virgin Mary, Oprah and Lady Gaga (Honorable mentions: Miley Cyrus and Melissa Buddie). Likewise, I present a list of notable men: every president ever, Jesus, Harry Potter, Twilight Vampire Dude and Lady Gaga. After constructing an extensive table of pros and cons (see Appendix A) it is evident that males have a small innate superiority over females.

The most notable benefits of being a man are standing while peeing, physical and intellectual dominance and survival skills. While there are remarkably more benefits of being a man, the weight carried by the male cons (innate sense of superiority, 93.4 percent of the incarcerated population and embarrassing erections) make for a close comparison. In the end however the staggering amount of cons for being a woman (re: sexist stereotypes) tip the scales in favor of man.

Colin, I hope this letter has taught you a lesson. I leave you with one last thought: Always speak from your heart ... because a certain sex probably wouldn't understand your sarcasm anyways.

Patrick Collard
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St. Edward's Hall
Oct. 9

Do it for the kids

We were shocked to learn that the Hall President's Council financial committee decided not to fund Zahm's signature event, the Spring Carnival. For those of you who don't know, the Spring Carnival is a cooperative effort with Big Brothers Big Sisters, La Casa de Amistad, Boys and Girls Club, Center for the Homeless and the Robinson Community Center to bring under-privileged children from the South Bend community on campus for a day of fun, games and free food. This is a very special experience for these kids because it gives them a day for which they don't have to worry about the tough world they grow up in; they just get to be kids. This is also a very rewarding experience for all students who participate, which includes residents of Zahm, Cavanaugh, Breen-Phillips and anyone else who happens to wander out onto North Quad.

Swayed by two members of the council, the financial committee decided to discontinue funding for this long-running event because "it is not inclusive to all of campus." Meanwhile, the Council decided to continue funding for events like the Keenan Revue, which provides no form of service to anyone, only includes the members of one dorm and is not even allowed on campus. Somehow the committee decided that making fun of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students was more worthwhile than helping under-privileged children and giving back to the community.


I am embarrassed that the elected student leaders of Notre Dame could make such an absurd decision. This is a no-brainer. Reverse the decision, and like Matt Damon says, "Do it for the kids."

Mark Pomerence
junior
Joe Bizjak
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Zahm House
Oct. 7

Don't rush the field

We are a better football team than USC. I propose that after we beat them this Saturday, we show our confidence in our team and limit our celebration to the stands. Stay off the field and show the nation that 80,000 people expected nothing less than a winning effort. Clausen for Heisman. Go Irish!

Kevin Sullivan
alumnus
class of 2009
Oct. 11



A Tale of Toasters

Gather round children, and I will tell you a tale. A frightening tale of dark times filled with despair and dread. A time where there seemed to be no hope, no glimmering light on the horizon to let you know that if you keep fighting, if you just hold on, things will get better. A tale of the new toasters in the dining hall.

Matt Brown

Scene Writer

It all started one early Sunday morning — around 11:30 a.m. — when an innocent wide-eyed youth, possibly named Matt, stumbled over to the English muffins, made his selection and proceeded to the toaster area.

Imagine his surprise as he sees two sleek toasting machines where the comforting silver monstrosities used to loom over his early morning repast. Anyway, shocked and a little intrigued, he continued with his toasting preparations and placed his two muffin halves onto the “this toaster toasts both sides” conveyor. Unconcerned, he did his customary toddle over to the cereal, perused the selection and ultimately decided on Apple Jacks. He then returned to the toaster to see his muffin lying in the tray.

For some reason, though, it strongly resembled untoasted toast. Remembering how in the past he was

forced to put the bread through twice to reach optimum toastiness, he blithely put the halves on the conveyor for one more round. He tottered off to get some fruit, only to return and find his English muffin once again doing a freakishly talented untoasted toast impression. This was an outrage!

Twice through a toaster and the only signs of toasting were slight warmth and the barest hint of brown, and only that if

you squinted your eyes and turned your head to the left. He then thought the difficulty might be attributed to the fact that we live within the Arctic Circle. I mean, can you really expect a toaster to be able to toast when it feels like Hoth outside? He decided to watch his muffin’s journey through the bowels of the beast. He placed his bread thrice upon the conveyor, looked up to acknowledge a friend that was walking by and when he

returned his gaze to the toaster, the toast was already out!

These new toasters have their conveyors set at mach 4. There is not a sun ray’s chance in South Bend that a defenseless piece of bread could even get a sunburn, much less achieve toasty perfection on these speed demons.

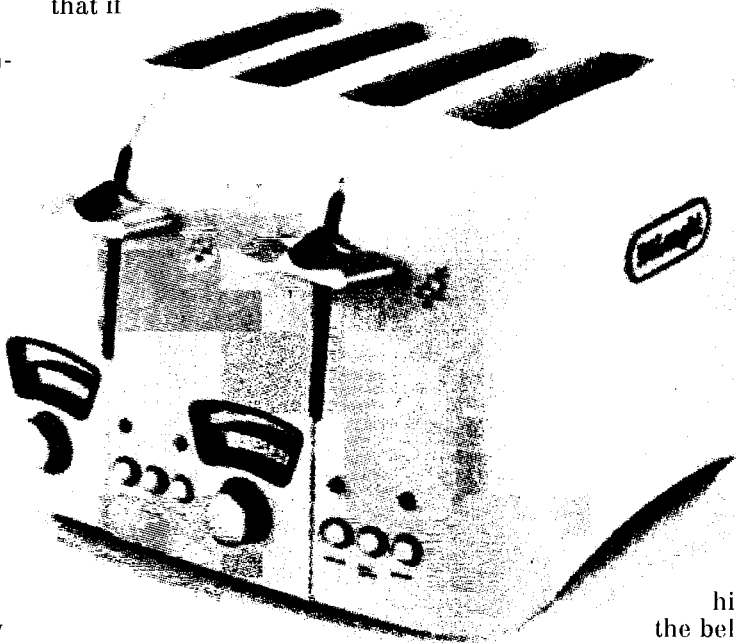
At this point he couldn’t allow the new toasters to win, so he resolutely threw his muffin halves upon the belt once more, and once again they returned with troublesome efficiency, this time, however,

finally showing signs of toasting, igniting a flame of hope within his breast. So for the fifth and final time he sacrificed his muffins to this metallic beast, knowing that when he saw them again 3 seconds later, they should be done. But they didn’t show. He waited a little longer and still he saw no delicious golden brown starchy wonders. He crouched and looked down the return tray of the toaster and way at the back, nestled against the wall was his prize. Rolling up his sleeve, he grabbed the tongs and began trying to fish them out, reaching further and further into its shimmering maw. If that toaster were a human he would’ve been tickling its duodenum. These toasters do not return you your toast! You have to play hide and seek with your food. If I wanted to do that I could just go to North Dining Hall where they hide their food in secret rooms.

I want the old toasters back. Sure they were large and old but they actually did their job. Two times around and boom! Toasted. Two perfectly toasted English muffin halves arrived right in front of you. Could you ask for a better start of the day than that? I think not.

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“Obsessed” with Mariah Carey

By **EMILY DORE**
Scene Writer

Winner of Billboard’s “Artist of the Decade Award,” Mariah Carey was on top of the world in the 1990s. With the most number-one singles for an artist in the United States (only behind The Beatles worldwide), Mariah has claimed the title of third best-selling female artist in music history, iconic for a generation listening to her soulful tunes like “We Belong Together” and “One Sweet Day.”

But in 2001, this golden singer turned into superficial glitter, releasing albums of pure teeny-bop rock and squeals. She had a physical and mental breakdown and faced heavy criticism for her “vanity project” film, “Glitter.” Producing and starring in the flick, Mariah fought the reviews even before the movie was released, and today it is regarded as one of the “worst movies of all time.” To both critics and fans alike, it seemed that this pop princess had been dethroned, replaced by up and coming singers like Beyonce. Now at the close of the decade, Mariah is trying to regain lost prominence, with hit albums like the “Emancipation of Mimi” and “E=MC2.” Her newest release, “Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel,” promises to be her most self-revealing and personal album yet.

So how is this “Angel?” The

album contains hit single “Obsessed,” currently topping the Billboard charts at No. 7. It debuted at No. 11, the highest for Mariah since 1998. Other notable songs include a cover of Foreigner’s ‘80s anthem, “I Want to Know What Love Is” and third single, “H.A.T.E. U.”

Mariah’s songs have taken a pleasant turn towards hip-hop in the 2000s. “Obsessed” clearly demonstrates this, and the heavy beat and high-range vocals of Mariah have made it a surefire dance hit.

Her cover of Foreigner’s “I Want to Know What Love Is” is an interesting take on a song so iconic for the ‘80s. Replacing British voices with her own soulful croon, Mariah presents a gospel take on the song, with an accompanying gospel choir actually singing the refrain. Though entertaining, it

does not, however, have the powerful emotion and heartache that Foreigner evokes so well.

Though claiming to be her most personal album, the lyrics in many songs question this statement. Songs like, “Up Out of My Face” and “It’s a Wrap,” seem like a step back to the old Mariah of high-pitched squeals and sugary girl sweetness.

And how personal could Mariah be getting with inane lyrics like, “If we were two Lego blocks, even the Harvard University graduating class of 2010, couldn’t put us back together again?” With an album cover that suggests a posing 16-year-old Miley in pink mini-dress and flowing hair, many had hoped Mariah would turn to more mature themes as such a weathered and successful 39-year-old vocalist.

Despite its faults, Mariah brings us tunes perfect for heartache and love lost, tunes we remember listening to in the ‘90s. And her climb back into the charts reveals that she is back and ready to reclaim her role as top performing female artist of the decade.

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“Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel”
Mariah Carey

Best Tracks: “Obsessed,” “I Want to Know What Love Is,” “H.A.T.E.U.”





By MAIJA GUSTIN
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The long awaited film "Where the Wild Things Are" has been building buzz ever since the release of its first trailer last spring. The movie is set to open in theaters Friday, but for those too excited to wait, check out the movie's soundtrack by Karen O and the Kids.

Many might recognize Karen O as the lead singer of indie band Yeah Yeah Yeahs, or as the former girlfriend of "Wild Things" director Spike Jonze. The "kids" are made up of Yeah Yeah Yeahs members Brian Chase and Nick Zinner, their former touring guitarist Imaad Wasif, Brian Cox of Deerhunter, Aaron Hemphill of Liars, Dean Fertita of the new band Dead Weather and Jack Lawrence of The Raconteurs. The soundtrack also features one song by Carter Burwell, who recently composed the soundtrack to "Twilight."

The "Where the Wild Things Are" soundtrack is an eclectic mix of upbeat, childish ravings and slower, more serene ballads to balance the album. Given the striking images of "Wild Things" that have been making the Internet rounds for months now, these songs seem to fit the tone of the movie perfectly. They are at once as miraculous and mesmerizing as a child's imagination, but still carry a weight of maturity that keeps them fresh and interesting for the older audience sure to buy this album. Much like Jonze's film, the album is focused on exploring that "inner child" that supposedly resides in all adults.

The soundtrack opens with "Igloo," which sets up the album with lines from the film in which Mom (Catherine Keener) asks Max (Max Records) for a story. What follows is a lusciously melodic song driven by guitars, tambourines and Karen O humming a quiet melody. It seems very dreamlike, creating a mood of storytelling to complement the movie.

The next song, the first single "All Is Love," starts with Max screaming "One, two, ready, go!" It's lyrically simple and totally repetitive, but it's also captivating and joyously ecstatic.

"Capsize" sounds like something that could be right at home on a Yeah Yeah Yeahs album, with Karen O screaming, telling "mama" "M-I-S-S-M-E all that you want, you're gonna wait a while."

While "Igloo" and "All Is Love" are about the happier times in child's life, "Capsize" describes the darker times, when the only option for a kid seems to run away to make

mom mad.

"Worried Shoes" is one of the more peaceful songs on the album, with Karen O singing to the accompaniment of a piano and some ambient noises.

Following this is "Rumpus," in which Max is crowned King of the Wild Things, and as his first order of business, he screams, "Let the wild rumpus start!" This uplifting song features chanting by what sounds like a choir of really happy kids and is one of the catchiest songs on the soundtrack. Head bobbing is mandatory.

"Rumpus Reprise" comes next, which is essentially Karen O's slower, sweeter version of "Rumpus."

"Hideaway" is a more melancholy tune from the perspective of Mom, whose son has run away to be King of the Wild Things. It's hauntingly beautiful and displays the softer side of Karen O's unique voice.

"Cliffs" serves mostly as filler, with some chanting over harmonious guitars, but it is a beautiful addition nonetheless. "Animal" is an awesome blending of Karen O's unique sound with folkish guitars and drums, and provides for one of the most interesting sounds on the record. It really lets the instrumentalists of Karen O and The Kids shine.

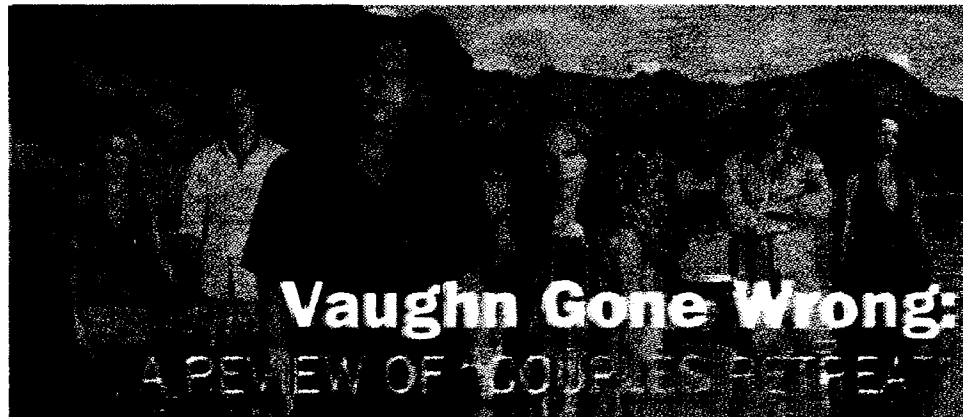
"Lost Fur" is Carter Burwell's contribution to the album, and it both stands apart from the rest of the album and yet finds a place within it. Karen O is definitely back in her element with "Heads Up" which would fit perfectly with her other indie rock repertoire.

"Building All Is Love" acts as another reprise of sorts and brings back the themes of the main single. "Food Is Still Hot" brings Karen O back to the slower chanting of earlier songs like "Cliffs" and "Igloo," maintaining the connection between the up-tempo songs and the ballads. The album ends with "Sailing Home," which is short and features only humming. However, it ends the album on an upbeat note and is sure to excite those waiting for the chance to see it.

Until "Where the Wild Things Are" opens on Friday, the jury is still out on how well the soundtrack will fit with the movie. However, Karen O did a wonderful job creating a cohesive yet totally diverse and bizarre album. All the songs capture both childhood wonder and mature wisdom masterfully, and, as an added bonus for those about to hit the books hard this week, the album works great as study music.

At the least, the "Where the Wild Things Are" soundtrack promises to accompany an exciting and unique movie-going experience.

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By ADRIANA PRATT
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It is a sad day when the best character in a Vince Vaughn movie is a little boy whose total screen time lasts around 10 minutes. Unfortunately, that's the case in Vaughn's latest film "Couples Retreat," which he both co-wrote and acted in.

With a cast that consisted of big names such as Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau (who also co-wrote the film), Malin Akerman, Kristen Bell and Kristin Davis, there was no excuse for this movie not to be a winner.

In reality, though, it falls flat and should probably be called "Acting Retreat," instead of "Couples Retreat" because each of these stars could use some centering to refine their skills after the performances they gave. Akerman and Faizon Love were the only ones who made something of the subpar material they were given.

The storyline centers around four couples who take a joint trip to Eden West, a tropical island used for couples' therapy, to support Jason (Bateman) and Cynthia (Bell), whose marriage is on the brink of failure after Cynthia is unable to conceive. A few legitimately funny moments ensue, including a scene in which their largest friend, Shane (Love), is forced to publicly strip nude for his partner, and when an embarrassingly toned Fabio-esque yoga instructor gives a physically invasive yoga class. The romantic comedy is sprinkled with a few comical one-liners and many awkward situations, but the execution and combination of these do not add up to a memorable film.

Vaughn's rambling comedic style, at its best in "Wedding Crashers," is employed, but his attempts at humor fail because his "Couples Retreat" character Dave is not quite as lovable. Audiences are led to believe he's the good guy, but then the tables turn and he becomes self-focused and judgmental ... or does he?

It's hard to know which image of Dave the writers were trying to give, because half the time he was the voice of reason, and the other half he was nonsensically rude. The attempt at making a multi-dimensional character, which is a must in a quality film, was poorly executed in Dave's case and altogether nonexistent for the rest of the cast. Shane and his much younger girlfriend, Trudy (Kali Hawk), took both the sugar daddy and African American stereotypes to town, occasionally landing on a funny line or two, but most often making audiences cringe at the predictability. The

neurotic and overly organized Jason and Cynthia could have been hilarious if given the proper attention but, once again, the writers took the easy route and stuck to generic material.

Joey (Favreau) and Lucy (Davis) were the typical high school football player and cheerleader who conceived their daughter on prom night and were burnt out by the time she reached college. Both sought attention from sources other than each other and both were in their own ways fairly disturbing. Joey was just plain creepy and Lucy was undeniably forgettable. Davis gave the most discouraging performance of all, half-heartedly embracing the role she was cast in. Hopefully that was a conscious choice and she just didn't want to give her best because she realized the film was a complete failure.

Ronnie (Akerman) was by far the most realistic and well-acted adult character, but she also failed to be multi-faceted and only halfway complemented her husband Dave's character. The actor who showed up all of the adults was the three-year-old Colin Baiocchi, who played her son Kevin. His scenes saved the film from being completely unwatchable.

What also made the film unbearable were the blatant product promotions. They were constantly shoved in the audience's faces, the most obvious one being "Guitar Hero." Not only was Dave a salesman of the product, but there was also a painfully long scene in which he played one of the resort's managers in a "Guitar Hero" battle. The technologically-savvy film editing of this particular scene was a completely different style than the rest

of the movie and, combined with awkward scene transitions, made the film incohesive. One plus for the movie was that all the females had stellar bodies, which the director made sure to show as much as possible. This, plus the little kid, was the only redeeming factors and both were cheap attempts at entertainment. Vince, you've failed us. Please bring back the days of crashing weddings and dodging balls. They were much more successful and, surprisingly, more believable.

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"Where the Wild Things Are" Soundtrack Karen O and the Kids

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"Couples Retreat" Universal Studios

Director: Peter Billingsley

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Kristin Davis, Kristen Bell, Malin Akerman, Faizon Love, Kali Hawk



NFL

Goal-line stand secures victory for Cardinals

Bengals take sole possession of first place in AFC North; Browns earn first win against hapless Bills

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown with 2:20 to go and the Arizona Cardinals' defense stopped the Houston Texans three times at the 1-yard line in the final minute Sunday to eke out a 28-21 victory.

Matt Schaub brought the Texans back from a 21-0 half-time deficit to tie the game and had completed 11 straight when Rodgers-Cromartie, playing with a fractured right index finger, stepped in front of intended receiver Kevin Walter.

The young Cardinals cornerback intercepted, raced down the sideline, then high-stepped the final 20 yards for the score.

A 60-yard kickoff return by Andre Davis helped set up the final Houston threat. Schaub quickly moved the team to the 1, but Chris Brown was stopped on second down, there was an incomplete pass on third and Brown was stopped again on fourth down with 40 seconds left.

Kurt Warner topped 300 yards passing for the 50th time in his career but he and the Arizona offense struggled after a near-perfect first half.

Warner completed 26 of 38 passes for 302 yards, but almost all of them came in the first half. In the first two quarters, the 38-year-old quarterback was 20 of 23 for 262 yards, including a pair of touchdown passes to Larry Fitzgerald in the final 1:44 to give Arizona a 21-0 lead at the break.

Schaub was the one who was magnificent in the second half. Overall, the Houston quarterback set franchise records for completions and attempts, going 35 for 50 for 371 yards. In the second half, he was 25 of 32 for 279 yards. He threw two touchdown passes to Andre Johnson. The second, with the big receiver bowling over three defenders on a 17-yard scoring play, tied it at 21 with 6:59 to play.

The Cardinals (2-2) couldn't move after that, but they pinned Houston (2-3) on its 11-yard line. Houston methodically advanced to its 47, and on third-and-7, Schaub threw to the sideline toward Walter. Rodgers-Cromartie got there first and there was no one who could stop him, even though he high-stepped nearly the final half of the way.

Houston seemed destined to tie it when Schaub's 5-yard pass

to Steve Slaton made it second and goal at the 1. Brown was stopped just inside the 1, then on a play action pass, Schaub threw too high to Joel Dressen, who was open in the back of the end zone.

That made it fourth down, and with the noisy home crowd at its loudest, Brown again failed to make it to the goal line.

The Cardinals scored on their first possession and were at the Houston 9 on their second, when a vicious hit by Eugene Wilson forced Anquan Boldin to fumble.

The game stayed 7-0 until Warner went 9 for 9 on two late first-half touchdown drives. The first went 68 yards in seven plays, with Warner throwing 9 yards to Fitzgerald for the score.

Houston went three-and-out and a 29-yard punt by Matt Turk gave Arizona the ball on the Texans 48. Warner threw 10 yards to Jerheme Urban and 12 yards to Boldin, then hit Fitzgerald on a 26-yard scoring play. The drive took 53 seconds.

Bengals 17, Ravens 14

In a duel for first place in the AFC North, the Cincinnati Bengals found a way to win another close game.

For the Baltimore Ravens, it was a familiar loss.

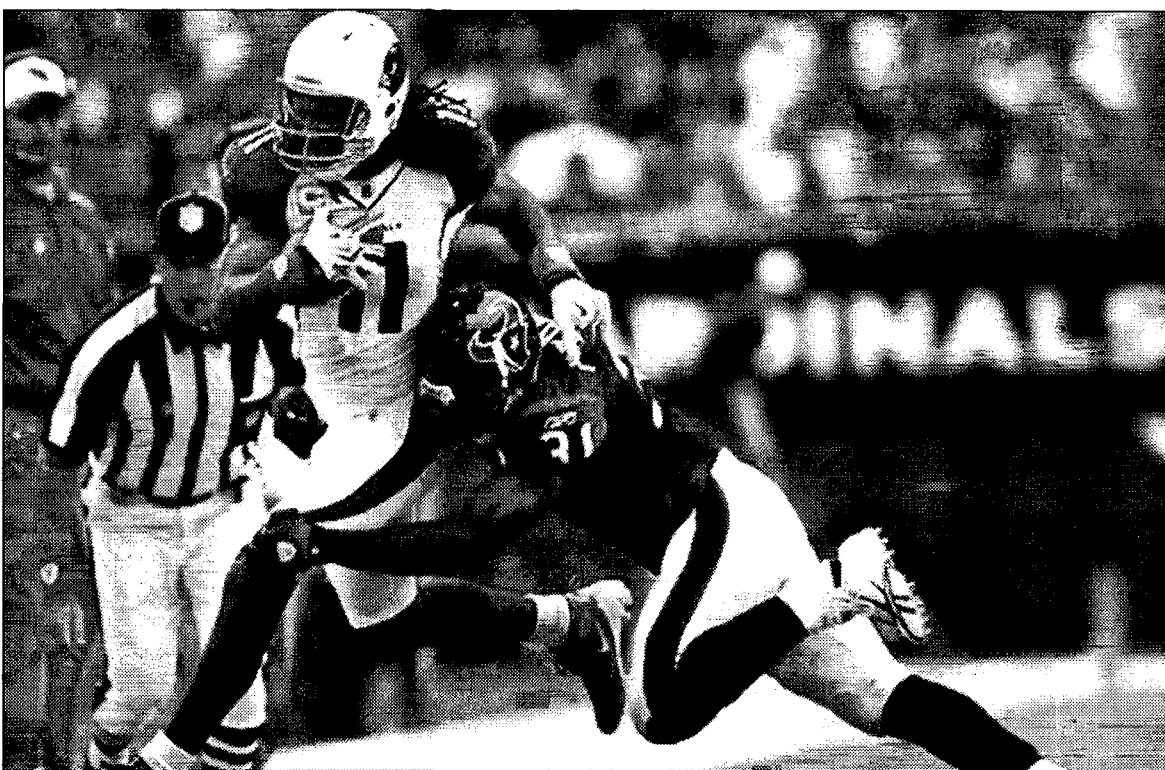
Carson Palmer threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell with 22 seconds left to cap an 80-yard drive fueled by Baltimore penalties, and the Bengals escaped with a victory Sunday.

All five of Cincinnati's games this season have been decided by seven points or fewer. The Bengals have won three straight games by three points apiece, and at this point they seem like they wouldn't want it any other way.

"They believe they can win, no matter what the circumstances are," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We keep talking about that. Don't worry about it, don't flinch, keep playing."

The Bengals (4-1) appeared destined to come out on the short end of this one until Palmer masterfully directed the final drive — with the help of three yellow flags.

An illegal contact penalty against Chris Carr and an unnecessary roughness call against Ray Lewis preceded the toppler, a pass interference penalty against Frank Walker on a third-and-16 from the Baltimore 30 (although the infraction was called by the officials against Ed Reed).



Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald is forced out of bounds by Texans safety Bernard Pollard in the first half of the Cardinals 28-21 victory on Sunday.

On the next play, Palmer found Caldwell over the middle for the game-winning score.

After the following kickoff, thousands of fans among the 71,161 directed a derisive chant toward the referee crew.

Cincinnati's Cedric Benson ran for 120 yards, becoming the first player in 40 games to eclipse 100 yards against the Ravens. Palmer was 18 for 31 for 271 yards, and Chad Ochocinco had seven catches for 94 yards.

"We weren't as sound as we should have been. Offensively, and as a whole, we had a couple of turnovers," Ochocinco said. "But we were able to find some breaks and make our way. We were able to capitalize on the last drive."

Baltimore (3-2) has lost two straight after starting 3-0 for the second time in franchise history. Last week, two roughing the passer calls played a key part in a 27-21 defeat at New England.

Against Cincinnati, the Ravens were penalized 10 times for 76 yards, with several of the infractions seemingly coming at the worst possible time.

"Some tough calls. But you can't leave it in their hands," Baltimore defensive tackle Kelly Gregg said.

It was a mantra repeated by several of his teammates.

"I'm not going there with you. I don't do the referee thing," defensive end Trevor Pryce said. "If you dominate, the calls

don't matter."

The Ravens, quite simply, did not come close to dominating. They were limited to one offensive touchdown after averaging 32.5 points in their first four games, and the defense yielded 403 yards — including 142 on the ground.

Which is one reason why the Ravens weren't overly critical of the officials.

"The officials, they're just calling the game," Walker said. "These games are close because we let them be close."

Baltimore trailed 10-7 when Ray Rice took a screen pass from Joe Flacco, then turned upfield with several tacklers in his way. After ducking linebacker Brandon Johnson, the 5-foot-8 running back dipped his left arm and stayed upright by planting his fingers on the artificial turf before completing the 48-yard play.

Then it was Palmer's turn. "That was Carson in the huddle, being very confident, being very sound, keeping everybody calm," Ochocinco said. "When he talks the way he does in that huddle, with that confidence and that swagger like that, there's no doubt that we're going to go down and score."

It was the second time the Bengals had to rally. A 52-yard interception return for a touchdown by Reed gave the Ravens a 7-0 lead in the second quarter, and later in the half, Reed knocked the ball loose from Ochocinco that Baltimore recov-

ered at its own 16.

The Bengals took a 10-7 lead in the third quarter with an 84-yard drive kept alive by a penalty against Baltimore cornerback Domonique Foxworth, who was called for illegal contact during a third-down play in which Palmer was sacked. Four plays later, Benson broke loose for a 28-yard touchdown run, which put him over 100.

Cincinnati botched the extra point, but the Ravens were called for illegal formation and Shayne Graham converted the extra chance.

Browns 6, Bills 3

Backup kicker Billy Cundiff hit an 18-yard field goal with 23 seconds remaining Sunday, giving Cleveland a victory over Buffalo for its first win under coach Eric Mangini.

Cundiff's kick ended a display of offensive ineptitude between the Browns and Bills in a how-bad-was-it game.

Cundiff also made a 24-yard field goal in the second quarter, while punter Dave Zastudil was the Browns' MVP. Zastudil downed seven of nine punts inside the Bills 20, including three inside the 5. Zastudil also provided the game-turning play when Roscoe Parrish muffed a rolling punt. The Browns recovered at the Bills 16 to set up the winning score.

The Bills (1-4) have lost to winless teams in consecutive weeks following a 38-10 defeat at Miami.

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I'll never be your beast of burden
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All I want is for you to make love to me

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Am I hard enough, Am I rough enough
Am I rich enough, I'm not to blind to see
Oh little sister

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Oklahoma State wide receiver Dez Bryant celebrates with cancer patient Cason Tacket following the Cowboys' 56-6 win over Grambling State on Sept. 26. Bryant has been ruled ineligible for improper contact with a former NFL player.

Sanders: No agent at Bryant visit

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Former NFL player Deion Sanders says his longtime agent was not present for his meeting with Oklahoma State's Dez Bryant and the star didn't give the player any gifts.

Sanders said on the NFL Network's "NFL Gameday Morning" on Sunday that agent Eugene Parker was "not whatsoever" involved in the meeting at Sanders' home and there wouldn't have been any problems if Bryant hadn't falsified his story to the NCAA.

"Now, the problem was someone — they wanted to question Dez about our relationship and Dez was

nervous about 'Why do these NCAA people have me in this room with a closed door questioning me?' Now, had I been a liar or falsified any incident or evidence, my story would have collaborated with Dez," Sanders said. "The kid said he didn't come to my home. In actuality, he did."

The All-America receiver, who was ruled ineligible by Oklahoma State, issued a statement earlier this week that he "made a mistake by not being entirely truthful when meeting with the NCAA."

Oklahoma State is applying for Bryant's reinstatement.

Sanders said he has not served as a go-between to

connect players with Parker. He said former Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree connected with the agent because he also represented Arizona Cardinals receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

"I don't need to make money off a child. God has taken care of me," Sanders said. "The first thing I do when I talk to these guys like a Dez Bryant is I look them in the eye. I say, 'I don't need nothing. I don't want nothing. I'm not here to benefit off you. I'm here to help you. But don't lie to me.'"

Sanders, who has declined interview requests from The Associated Press through an NFL Network

spokesman, said he didn't have an opportunity to intervene with Bryant before he spoke to the NCAA, and that shouldn't have been necessary.

"I don't have to prepare a person to tell the truth. The truth is what it is," Sanders said. "So the fact that he got nervous and falsified the truth, he thought he had done something wrong. When somebody's there: 'Were you at the house of Deion Sanders? Were you there? Were you there?' The kid got nervous, and I don't know why he falsified the truth, but I must restate: If I was a liar, my story would have collaborated with his. Just think about that."

IN BRIEF

49ers Lewis leaves game with third concussion

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco strong safety Michael Lewis has sustained his third concussion of the season, going down during the 49ers' game against Atlanta early in the third quarter trying to tackle Michael Turner.

Lewis, who sustained two concussions during an 11-day span in the preseason, could be sidelined for a prolonged period.

He led with his helmet on the hit Sunday and was face down on the field for several minutes while being examined. He eventually sat up and was helped off the field, appearing dazed. Athletic trainers ran a series of tests on Lewis as he sat on the sideline.

Lewis' first concussion occurred Aug. 18 during a joint practice with Oakland at the Raiders' wine country training site in Napa when he got hit by a fullback. He suffered another in an exhibition game at Dallas on Aug. 29, when he fell and took a knee to the helmet.

Mickelson gets surprise visit from wife at Presidents Cup

SAN FRANCISCO — This was the 15th time Phil Mickelson has played in the Presidents Cup or the Ryder Cup, and the first time he came alone. His wife, Amy, is recovering from breast cancer and stayed home in San Diego.

Or so he thought.

Mickelson had no idea that when he returned to his hotel room Saturday night, his wife was hiding in the bathroom.

"It was an incredible surprise," Mickelson said. "I didn't think she was coming up, and she actually hid in the bathroom when I walked in the room. I didn't know she was there, and she scared me pretty good. It was an awesome surprise, though."

It was a treat for the rest of the team, too.

They had worn pink ribbons in their hat during the week to commemorate breast cancer awareness.

Driver Donna Mae Mims dies from stroke at age 82

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — Donna Mae Mims, the first woman to win a Sports Car Club of America national championship in 1963, has died. She was 82.

Mims died Tuesday of complications following a stroke, said Aaron Beinhauer, director of Beinhauer Family Services, which is handling the arrangements.

Per her wishes, Mims' body was seated behind the steering wheel of a 1979 pink Corvette for visitation hours at the funeral home in McMurray, Pa., Beinhauer said Sunday.

Known as the "Pink Lady" because of her preferred color for cars, Mims worked for Yenko Chevrolet and the company's sports car division and started racing in 1958, according to Beinhauer Family Services. Mims' association with the car company led her to race cars, including the Camaro, Austin Healey, MG, Corvette and Corvairs.

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TENNIS

Djokovic takes first in China Open

Associated Press

BEIJING — Novak Djokovic won the China Open with a 6-2, 7-6 (4) victory over Croatia's Marin Cilic, and Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia defeated Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 6-4 in the women's final on Sunday.

The second-seeded Serb broke Cilic's serve in the sixth game and again in the eighth to take the first set following a 90-minute rain delay.

The second set was much tighter, with each breaking the other's serve three times to force the tiebreak. But Cilic then struggled, and his return at 6-4 went wide, handing Djokovic the win.

"My patience and the choice of certain shots and a little more experience than he has decided the winner today," said Djokovic, who has won all four encounters between the two, all on hard courts.

"Whenever I needed to step it up and play some big shots that would decide the match, I did."

The sixth-seeded Kuznetsova needed just 1 hour, 20 minutes to complete her victory, racking up six aces along the way.

"I guess I just like to play here," she said. "I have some different luck here and definitely like the atmosphere. The support is great."

The third-ranked Djokovic's path to the title was eased by Cilic's upset of top-seeded Rafael Nadal in Saturday's semifinal. The rain delay also appeared to have been a factor, allowing Djokovic time to regroup.

"I certainly played much better after the rain delay," he said. "I kind of got my nerves together and thought of the tactics and the plan that I should play in the continuation of the match."

"I was very fresh on the court after that. What makes my success in the second set even bigger is that I managed to save the concentration, to maintain the focus and get back into the match."

Cilic said the rain delay may have had the opposite effect on him.

"First time I went out on the court I started pretty good, but when we came back the conditions were a little bit different," he said.

"It was a little cooler and Novak started really good and I missed my shot to get back into the game."

Cilic struggled to find his range throughout the match and had two chances to force a third set before the tiebreaker when serving at

5-4 and 6-5. Djokovic broke him both times.

"The things that I didn't do well decided (the match)," said Cilic, whose booming serve had so flummoxed Nadal.

Djokovic was flying directly to Shanghai to compete in this week's Shanghai Masters.

Kuznetsova has already qualified for the season-ending WTA Tour Championship in Doha at the end of the month, and said she will spend some time in Moscow practicing before arriving in the Persian Gulf a week early to acclimatize to the conditions.

"Normally I feel really tired at the end of the season, but now I feel great," she said.

The 20-year-old Radwanska, who won the Wimbledon and Roland Garros titles as a junior, was playing in her first singles final since June 2008.

"Svetlana's been very good today, hitting hard every ball. I think also she had nothing to lose today," said Radwanska, who moves into the top 10 in the rankings following a successful two weeks in Japan and China, but is still chasing qualification for Doha.

"Of course it's better to win a tournament, but I'm still in the top 10 so it's not that bad," she said.

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Svetlana Kuznetsova
Tennis player

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Novak Djokovic
Tennis player

PGA

Americans win at Presidents Cup

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Tiger Woods provided a fitting conclusion Sunday to a perfect week at the Presidents Cup, for him and an American team that remains perfect at home.

With a flop shot out of the trees to set up one last birdie, Woods won the point that clinched the cup and made him only the third player in the Presidents Cup to win all five matches.

His 6-and-5 victory over Y.E. Yang was a tiny token of revenge for Woods blowing a final-round lead to him in the PGA Championship this summer. Even so, it was the first time in either the Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup that Woods earned the decisive point.

And he didn't even know it. "Oh, perfect," Woods said, an apt choice of words. "All I knew was I was trying to get my point, and I was 5 up trying to make it 6."

Phil Mickelson wrapped up another anticlimactic finish with a 7-foot birdie putt for a 2-and-1 victory over Retief Goosen, leaving Lefty unbeaten (4-0-1) in the Presidents Cup for the second time in the last three contests.

The Americans won 19½-14½, the same margin as last time against an overmatched International team.

The United States leads 6-1-1 since the Presidents Cup began in 1994, and it improved to 5-0 on home soil, the previous four victories coming across the country in Virginia.

"I'm sure we tried our best all week," Geoff Ogilvy said after his 2-and-1 victory over Steve Stricker. "Coming in today, we had too much to do and the U.S. team was obviously very motivated."

British Open champion Stewart Cink, disgusted with his performance Saturday, asked to play early and put the first point on the board by overwhelming Adam Scott, a questionable captain's pick who contributed only one point for the week.

Sean O'Hair and Anthony Kim followed with big victories of their own, while Hunter Mahan eventually won his leadoff match over Camilo Villegas of Colombia, the only player to get shut out at Harding Park.

That set the stage for Woods, whose performance has been mediocre since he started playing these team competitions in 1997.

He won four holes in a five-hole stretch in the middle of the round, pouring in one birdie putt after another, then sealed it with a 9-foot birdie on the 13th hole.

Woods went 5-0 for the week, joining Mark O'Meara (1996) and Shigeki Maruyama (1998) as the only players to win all five matches in the Presidents Cup. Woods has 18 victories, the most of any player in this event.

Woods and Stricker became the first partnership in the Presidents Cup to win all four of their matches, with Stricker making all the putts and Woods providing the defining moment Saturday morning with a 25-foot birdie and a 3-iron to 8 feet on the par-5 18th that turned a certain loss into an inspiring

victory in foursomes.

U.S. captain Fred Couples was the first to greet Woods with a hug.

When Couples was appointed captain, he called Woods and jokingly asked for a big favor: Make the team so Couples wouldn't have to waste a captain's pick on the world's No. 1 player.

What he didn't tell Woods were the expectations Couples had for him at Harding Park.

"I needed him — this is going to sound stupid — to go 5-0," Couples said.

It was the first time Woods and Yang have played together since the South Korean became the first player to rally in the final round at a major to beat Woods. This wasn't quite the same.

"He got me there, and I figured I could get him here," Woods said. "It certainly was not exactly the same atmosphere, but then it still was an important point."

Mickelson might have played the best for the Americans, carrying along three partners in the team matches and hanging on to beat Goosen. He went 4-0-1 for the week, and revealed after his match that his wife, Amy, had joined him on the weekend.

She is recovering from breast cancer and has not traveled with Mickelson since The Players Championship, a week before she was diagnosed. Amy Mickelson did not come to Harding Park on Sunday.

"I didn't think she was coming up, and she actually hid in the bathroom when I walked in my room," Mickelson said. "I didn't know she was there, and she scared me pretty good. It was an awesome surprise, though."

Among the few bright spots for the International team on a cold autumn afternoon was Tim Clark, who made eight birdies in 15 holes for a 4-and-3 victory over Zach Johnson. Ryo Ishikawa of Japan, at 18 the youngest player ever in these matches, kept his cool down the stretch to beat 49-year-old Kenny Perry.

Another moment came from Vijay Singh, who led the International team with a 2-0-3 record. It might have been slightly better, but after narrowly missing an eagle putt on the 18th hole, he graciously conceded Lucas Glover's 7-foot birdie putt to halve the match.

Glover had been 0-3 for the week, and it kept the U.S. Open champion from being shut out.

"He would have made it, anyway," Singh said.

By then, the Presidents Cup had long been decided. The Americans had a three-point lead going into singles, and picked up seven points in the final session.

Next up is a trip to Royal Melbourne in Australia in 2011, site of the International team's only victory. Greg Norman is expected to return as International team captain. The Americans, meanwhile, start qualifying in earnest next year for the Ryder Cup in Wales.

This is the first time since 2000 that the Americans held the Ryder Cup and the Presidents Cup at the same time.

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MLB

Angels blast Papelbon in ninth for divisional sweep

Associated Press

BOSTON — Torii Hunter emerged from the visitors' clubhouse at Fenway Park to spray champagne over the fans and family gathered there. Erick Aybar did him one better, handing over bottles of bubbly to those who came from California to see the Los Angeles Angels go for the sweep.

History gave no reason to hope for such a celebration.

The Angels and Vladimir Guerrero shrugged off their postseason failures and swept away the Red Sox on Sunday, scoring three runs off Jonathan Papelbon in the ninth inning to beat Boston 7-6 and advance to the AL championship series.

It was the first postseason sweep in Angels franchise history. And they did it against the team that has knocked them out of the playoffs the previous four times they met.

"I told you guys earlier: It's going to be a different scene," Hunter said in the clubhouse afterward. "Vladdy came through. That's probably one of the biggest hits of his career."

Torii Hunter
Angels' center fielder

Papelbon was one strike away from extending the series with three different batters, but Aybar singled on a two-strike pitch, Chone Figgins walked after fouling off a full-count offering and Bobby Abreu fouled off three straight pitches before doubling in one run.

Hunter was walked intentionally before Guerrero singled the first pitch to center and Figgins and Abreu raced home to give Los Angeles a 7-6 lead. Major league saves leader Brian Fuentes pitched the ninth, and when Aybar caught Dustin Pedroia's popup to end the game, pumping his right arm even as he tracked the ball with his left, the Angels advanced.

"It's nice to be going home and playing again, instead of going home and it's over," said pitcher John Lackey, who was part of the Angels teams that were eliminated by Boston in three times in the previous five years. "This is the most fun for me, and I've got a ring. That says a lot."

An eight-time All-Star and former AL MVP, Guerrero has a .321 career batting average, 407 regular-season homers and 1,318 RBIs. But he'd managed only one extra-base hit in 69 at-bats going into Game 3, and he had one RBI in 19 playoff games since his grand slam against Boston in the 2004 division series.

And he came through against Papelbon, who had never before allowed a run in 27 postseason innings.

"You're not going to get to him too often. But we did this afternoon," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "And I felt great for Vlad. hopefully, that's a momentum-builder for him. ... I know he's relieved. He's excited about contributing. And hopefully it will be the start of something good."

For the AL West champion Angels, it was a chance to extend their tribute to pitcher Nick Adenhart, who was killed in an April car crash with a man who has been charged with drunken driving. As they streamed out of the dugout to celebrate, and

Jered Weaver carried Adenhart's jersey onto the field.

"When it comes down to honoring Nick Adenhart, and what happened in April in Anaheim, yes, it probably was the biggest hit (of my career)," Guerrero said. "Because I'm dedicating that to a former teammate, a guy that passed away."

The Angels open their first ALCS since 2005 on Friday against either the New York Yankees or Minnesota. The Yankees led that series 2-0 going into Game 3 Sunday night.

"We're finally here," said Angels owner Arte Moreno, who bought the team in 2003, a year after they won their

only World Series. "I think that the fourth time's a charm. It's great for us, because we've been knocking on the door for a while."

Los Angeles trailed 5-1 early, was behind 5-2 after seven innings and still down 6-4 when Papelbon retired the first two batters of the ninth.

The crowd that just one inning earlier had been primed for a celebration quietly filed out of the ballpark for the last time in 2009, having seen the wild-card Red Sox beaten.

"The season doesn't wind down. It just comes to a crashing halt," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "You go into the top of the inning excited because you think you're going to keep playing. Half an inning later, you're going home. So it's disappointing."

The Red Sox had won 12 of 13 postseason games against the Angels heading into the series, including an 11-game winning streak that dated back to Dave Henderson's homer off Donnie Moore in the 1986 ALCS. Henderson, not coincidentally, threw out the ceremonial first pitch on Sunday, even adding a little jump and twist like the one he did after he helped propel Boston to within one strike of the '86 World Series title.

Henderson's shot in Game 5 sent the Red Sox to a win by the same 7-6 score.

Boston didn't win it that year, but they ended their 86-year championship drought in 2004 after sweeping Los Angeles in the first round. The Red Sox swept out the Angels again in '07 en route to a second title, and beat them in four games last year

before losing to the Tampa Bay in the ALCS.

Darren Oliver earned the victory after getting one out in relief, and Papelbon took his first career postseason loss. The Red Sox closer had converted seven of his previous eight postseason save opportunities.

But after Billy Wagner put two on with two out in the eighth, the Red Sox were forced to bring Papelbon in with a 5-2 lead. He gave up a two-run single to Juan Rivera that made 5-4 before picking pinch-runner Reggie Willits

off first base.

After Mike Lowell's RBI single made it 6-4 in the eighth, Papelbon got Maicer Izturis on a foul popup and Mike Napoli on a fly ball to center. Abreu lined a double off the Green Monster to cut the lead to 6-5.

The three runs Boston scored in the third inning were more than it had scored in the first two games of the series combined. In fact, Boston had scored a total of two runs in 32 postseason innings before taking a 3-0 lead on Sunday.

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NASCAR

Johnson keeps first place position

Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Jimmie Johnson is back in control of NASCAR's Chase for the championship.

The three-time defending Sprint Cup champion easily pulled away from Jeff Gordon following a restart with three laps left to win the Pepsi 500 on Sunday at Auto Club Speedway for his fifth victory of the year and 45th overall.

The win was Johnson's fourth at the 2-mile oval and sent a message to the rest of the contenders he has no plans of giving up his spot atop the series easily.

The native Californian took his time drinking in the moment, doing several burnouts and goofing off along the back straightaway before NASCAR officials reminded him he needed to make a stop in Victory Lane.

"I just wanted to have a little fun with it," Johnson said.

He certainly earned it after another signature performance at a track he has turned into his own personal playground through the years. He won so effortlessly all Gordon could do afterward was shrug his shoulders.

"What else can you say? They're the best out there," Gordon said. "They've won the last three championships. They're going to be hard to beat for this one. Really, unless they make a mistake, I don't see how they lose it."

Johnson, who led 126 laps, dominated the second half of the race but had to sweat out a series of double-file restarts following a number of late-race collisions, including an eight-car pileup that forced a 22-minute red flag with six laps remaining.

Waiting out the delay, Johnson worried he didn't have enough car to hold off Gordon. He shouldn't have. His No. 48 Chevrolet roared away from his Hendrick Motorsports teammate and he quickly put the rest of the field in his rearview mirror to propel him into the points lead for the first time all season.

"That's it, that's what we want," Johnson said. "We've just got to keep chipping away."

Juan Pablo Montoya was third, his fourth straight top-five finish. All that consistency, however, hasn't helped

Montoya make up any ground on Johnson.

"We have four or five in a row and I've been losing points to the leader," said Montoya, who trails Johnson by 58 points. "(You're not) going to make any points on anybody. Everybody that runs good is going to be there. You just got to make sure you don't lose any."

Mark Martin, who started the day with an 18-point lead over Johnson, was fourth and now trails Johnson by 12 points heading into Saturday night's race at Charlotte.

"There was a time when we could go out front, but we were right there," Martin said.

Tony Stewart rallied from an early pit-road speeding penalty to finish fifth.

Gordon briefly slipped by Johnson in the later stages but held out no real hope of catching him.

"He's unbelievable out there," Gordon said. "From where I was at, he ran away with it today."

Johnson, however, wasn't ready to proclaim the Chase over with six weeks left.

"We got maximum points today ... but I don't want to think about it," he said.

While Johnson surged, several Chase contenders stumbled. Denny Hamlin, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle and Brian Vickers all saw their Chase hopes likely evaporate for good.

Hamlin was leading with 60 laps to go when he collided with Montoya on a restart. Hamlin spun into a barrier at the end of pit road and quickly drove his No. 11 Toyota back to the garage. He attempted to get back on the track after missing 25 laps but was black-flagged for not reaching minimum speed.

"I made a rookie mistake," said Hamlin, who finished

37th. "I thought I was clear and I misjudged it. I got to apologize to the team. They deserve better than that."

Kahne and Biffle didn't fare much better. After a debris caution bunched up the field for another restart, Kahne and Biffle collided with about 15 laps to go. The contact started when fellow Chaser Kurt Busch wiggled (or hit the wall?) and the aftermath sent Biffle into Kahne. The two slid across the infield grass. Biffle ended up 20th while Kahne slid to 34th.

"NASCAR threw a debris caution for no debris," the frustrated Kahne said. "We had a bad race to get a caution to put a show on for the fans."

Stewart, who vaulted back into the thick of the title hunt with a win at Kansas last week, started 20th but steadily moved into the top 10 before being penalized for going too fast while exiting the pits, sending him a lap down. Stewart apologized over the radio to crew chief

Darian Grubb before scrambling to fifth.

"We were pretty fortunate to get a couple of breaks when we needed them," Stewart said.

The field would need more than

that to catch Johnson, who admitted that he was frustrated by an inability in recent weeks to close out races. He finished ninth last week at Kansas despite having arguably the best car on the track early on.

There were no such troubles this time. He didn't panic when a couple of slow pit stops cost him track position early, letting crew chief Chad Knauss make sure he got the car right.

Once Johnson did, he wasted little time taking control. He led by as much as eight seconds at one point before the cautions bunched up the field.

Montoya brought the car he used at Indianapolis in July, hoping to duplicate the dominance he showed at the Brickyard before giving the victory away with a careless pit road speeding penalty, a mistake that opened the door for Johnson to win.

"Just because we won the last three doesn't mean we're a shoo-in for a fourth," Johnson said.

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NFL

Favre leads Vikes over slack Rams

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A 40-year-old in pink cleats was good enough to beat the St. Louis Rams.

OK, so maybe it wasn't any 40-year-old. It was Brett Favre, and it doesn't seem to matter what color his cleats are.

Favre threw for 232 yards and a touchdown a day after a milestone birthday, leading the undefeated Minnesota Vikings to a 38-10 rout over the hapless and helpless Rams on Sunday.

Showing no signs of a let-down just six days after an emotional win over Green Bay, his former team, Favre didn't put up big numbers and didn't have any last-second heroics. He was simply spry and efficient, dodging defenders and winging passes in every direction in his 274th straight regular-season start.

Now Favre is 5-0 for the first time in his career, 1-0 as a 40-year-old.

"I hope there's many more to come," Favre said. "I'd be lying if I said I thought I'd still be playing at 40 and not miss a game at this point. I just hope I can lead this team to bigger and better things."

It's a good start. The Vikings are 5-0 for the first time in six years by winning last-second games, emotional games, games they were supposed to win.

Against the Rams, they simply overwhelmed an over-matched opponent.

Minnesota led 14-0 by the midpoint of the first quarter, let up a bit, then methodically wore down St. Louis. Jared Allen returned one of his two fumble recoveries 52 yards for a touchdown. Adrian Peterson rumbled in for a pair of touchdowns and the Vikings forced four turnovers for their 400th win (400-322-9).

"We think we're a good football team," Allen said. "The worst we can finish now is 5-11."

St. Louis (0-5) wore throw-back uniforms from 1999, a nod to the team's only Super Bowl victory. The Rams looked nothing like the Greatest Show on Turf, bumbling their way to three turnovers inside the 10-yard line in an NFL-worst 15th straight loss.

St. Louis has scored four offensive touchdowns this season, none rushing; allowed at least 35 points in three straight games; and has seven turnovers the past two games while getting outscored 73-10.

No, it can't get much worse. "This is extremely tough," Rams guard Richie Incognito said. "It wears on you, but to be a professional, you don't

let it show. You just keep preparing hard to go out and get a win."

Favre, sporting pink-and-black cleats for Breast Cancer Awareness month — his wife, Deanna, is a breast cancer survivor — came out firing early. He threw for 66 yards on Minnesota's first drive to set up Peterson's 5-yard scamper around left end.

He also hit Sidney Rice on a 47-yard pass early in the third quarter, then connected with Visanthe Shiancoe on 13-yard pass that put the Vikings up 24-3. Favre finished 18 for 24 with one interception and seems to be getting more comfortable with his receivers.

"It's a work in progress," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "It's going to be still until we get done playing this year. I just see him getting incrementally better."

The Rams had plenty of good plays on offense. They just couldn't get out of their own way.

Quarterback Kyle Boller, starting for the second straight game in place of Marc Bulger (shoulder), fumbled without being hit on St. Louis' fifth play from scrimmage, the ball popping out like a half-melted ice cube to the turf. Allen, who had 4 1-2 sacks against Green Bay last week, scooped it up and ran 52 yards for a touchdown to put the Vikings up 14-0.

Another St. Louis drive in the second quarter ended inside the Vikings 5-yard line, where Steven Jackson couldn't handle the exchange with Boller and Allen recovered. The Rams got to Minnesota's 10-yard line after Favre's interception, settling for Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal after Boller was dropped for a loss and threw two errant passes.

They weren't finished. Driving late in the first half, St. Louis lost another chance to score when tight end Daniel Fells was hit from behind by Chad Greenway and coughed it up on the 2.

The Rams started the fourth quarter with another turnover. On fourth-and-6 from the Vikings 9, Tyrell Johnson intercepted Boller's pass in the end zone. Peterson scored at the other end from 7 yards to make it 31-3.

"I've never seen anything like that," Fells said. "We've got to get better than that."

Boller finished 20 for 31 for 209 yards and missed the final 10 minutes after being shaken up late in the third quarter. He was replaced by Bulger, who hit Donnie Avery on a 27-yard TD pass late in the fourth quarter.

By then, it was much too late: Minnesota led 31-10.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary's finishes ninth in Terre Haute

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

At the Gibson Family Intercollegiate Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind. Saint Mary's finished ninth with a team score of 282 in a field of 15 on Saturday.

On the same course that will be hosting the NCAA Division III Championships in a few weeks, freshman Julia Kenney lead the Belles for the first time in her collegiate career with a 24:53 on the 6-kilometer course. Two other underclassmen finished in the Saint Mary's top five.

"We have some very hard working underclassmen, and I'm thrilled to see them perform well," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "Julia [Kenney] is a worker and always looking to improve. I'm excited for her performance."

DePauw lead the field with a team score of 61, and Tiger senior Lauren Reich took home medalist honors with a time of 22:19.

Behind Kenney's 42nd-place finish, senior captain Megan McCowry finished 46th overall with a 25:01 time. It marked

the first time this season that McCowry did not lead the Saint Mary's squad.

A cluster of Belles runners rounded out the scoring effort for the team, with sophomore Joanne Almond (25:35, 60th), junior Catie Salyer (25:46, 66th), sophomore Arianne Rodriguez (25:49, 68th) and junior Clare McVey (25:54, 70th) all finishing within 20 seconds of one another.

Bauters has cited her squad's back four runners as the key to Saint Mary's efforts this season.

"I'd like to see our 3-6 close the gap a bit with our 1-2," Bauters said. "If we can do that, we've got a great shot of achieving our goals. I want the team to focus on why we're out there — because we love to run and compete. If they bring that competitive spirit consistently, we'll be successful."

The Belles will head to North Manchester, Ind., on Saturday for the Manchester Invitational. The 6-kilometer race is hosted by Manchester College and will be the final meet for Saint Mary's before the MIAA Championships on Oct. 31.

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MLB

Yankees advance to ALCS

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After so many October misses, Alex Rodriguez delivered the playoff performance his talent demanded.

Rodriguez and Jorge Posada hit seventh-inning home runs to spoil Carl Pavano's opportunity to frustrate New Yorkers one more time, and the Yankees advanced to their first AL Championship Series in five years with a 4-1 victory and sweep of Minnesota on Sunday night.

Mariano Rivera closed out Game 3 — the last baseball game at the Metrodome — to preserve Andy Pettitte's record-tying 15th career postseason win.

Game 1 of the ALCS against the Los Angeles Angels will be at Yankee Stadium on Friday night. The teams were 5-5 against each this season. The Angels swept Boston earlier in the day.

"It's exciting," Rodriguez said. "We were very disappointed last year when we went home, and ownership got us some good players. We came out and played like a team, like a group of brothers."

This pitching duel between former teammates Pettitte and Pavano ended with another first-round playoff victory in Minnesota for the Yankees, who also eliminated the Twins here in 2003 and 2004.

"I was trying to match zeros with him," Pettitte said.

For all their success this decade by being so good at the basics, the Twins made glaring gaffes at the worst times — against the team that led the majors with 103 wins, they were doomed.

The Yankees aren't about to let an opponent get away with overrunning the bases, as Carlos Gomez did in Game 2 to cost the Twins a run. Nick Punto then wasted his leadoff double in the eighth by failing to see that Denard Span's single didn't get past shortstop Derek Jeter, and he was thrown out trying to retreat to third base.

Pavano's renaissance was

upstaged by Rodriguez, who's starting to make up for all those past postseason failures, and Posada, who proved he wasn't too proud to publicly wish he started Game 2.

Rodriguez went 5 for 11 with two homers and six RBIs in these three games. Posada complained about being benched for Jose Molina with A.J. Burnett on the mound on Friday.

Posada gave Rivera more room with an RBI single in a two-run ninth against the Minnesota bullpen, as the crowd began to file out of the Dome for the final time.

Pettitte retired 17 of the first 18 batters he faced and left Joba Chamberlain a 2-1 lead and one out in the seventh.

Pettitte matched John Smoltz for career postseason victories. Pettitte's previous such win came back in the 2003 World Series against Pavano's Florida Marlins, who won it all that year.

The Yankees haven't experienced that euphoria since 2000, the Pettitte-Posada battery, closer Rivera and captain Jeter the only pieces left from that squad.

Rivera, a 10-time All-Star, came in to get Joe Mauer on a bat-shattering ground-out to end the eighth after the Twins blew their chance to score against Phil Hughes thanks to Punto's blunder. Manager Ron Gardenhire had his hands to his head in exasperation, and Orlando Cabrera followed with a fly out to center field that could've got the run in.

Rivera then closed out the ninth for save.

The Twins left 26 runners on base over the first two games, including 17 in the 11-inning defeat in Game 2, failing to get those big hits. The Twins enjoyed a power surge during the regular season, but they didn't go deep at all in this series. The AL East champion Yankees hit six homers.

Pavano couldn't have started stronger against the team that couldn't wait to get rid of him after four forgettable seasons in pinstripes. He struck out four

during the first trip through baseball's best lineup — the Yankees led the majors in runs, home runs and on-base percentage during the regular season — and the only hit he gave up in the first four innings didn't make it out of the infield.

Effectively spotting his changeup and sinker, Pavano completed seven innings with a season-high nine strikeouts and no walks. That was more than half of his total with the Yankees all of last year, the last of his injury-filled seasons with them.

The last professional baseball game under this billowing roof was supposed to be a week ago. After beating Detroit in an AL Central tiebreaker on Tuesday night, here the Twins were, playing in front of another packed stadium.

They made every game down the stretch count for more than just a last-chance-to-see-the-Metrodome memory, catching Detroit with 17 wins in their last 21 games including that epic tiebreaker game for the division title on Tuesday.

Ah, but these Yankees aren't the same as the Tigers or the White Sox or the Royals, as the Twins were painfully reminded during the first two games in New York — and again on Sunday.

Mauer's two-out single justified the "MVP!" chants, gave the Twins their first lead at home over the Yankees in four games this year, and made it three straight runners on against Pettitte in the bottom of the sixth.

The 37-year-old left-hander, who became the all-time major league leader in postseason innings pitched, snapped back to strike out Michael Cuddyer on a high fastball. Pettitte pumped his fist as he headed to the dugout.

Then Pavano's performance was quickly blemished by the big opposite field homers by Rodriguez and Posada. Rodriguez had fallen behind 0-and-2 before working the count full. Just like that, the Yankees were back in front.

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Belles win MIAA conference crown

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Belles took back their title as MIAA champions this weekend as they won their fifth conference championship Saturday with a 329 in the one-round finale at Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich. Freshman Martyna Mierzwa earned medalist honors at the championship as well as the title of season medalist and MIAA Most Valuable Golfer honors for the season.

Saint Mary's held the title of conference champions from 2002-2005, and was 13 strokes ahead of three-time defending champion Olivet. The Belles entered the competition 17 strokes ahead of the Comets, who shot a 342 Saturday for a season total of 1650. Saint Mary's posted a stroke total of 1620, a 324 average for the fall season.

Hope came in third overall, with a season total 1699 strokes and a 344 for the day. Trine followed in fourth with 1812 after shooting 368 Saturday, Calvin with 386 for the day for a total of 1867. Albion took sixth with a 402 on the day and a 1905 overall, Alma in seventh after shooting 390 on the day and a total 1943 and Kalamazoo shot a 400 for a season of 1946. Adrian rounded out the day in the ninth and final spot with a 396 for the day and a 2010 on the whole.

Mierzwa shot a 78 for the day to take her place as the youngest golfer in school history to earn the league honors of Championship and season medalist. She also set a MIAA record of lowest scoring average in the fall season with her average of 76.8 per MIAA round. A former Belles player, Julia Adams, previously held the record in 2004 with a 79.4 average. It is only the second time an MIAA golfer has averaged lower than and 80 on the season.

Saint Mary's junior Mary Kate Boyce finished the season on a high note in third overall with her score of 81. Sophomore Natalie Matuszak followed in sixth off of her 84. Junior Rosie O'Connor shot an 86 to put her

in ninth place, and land her, as well as the Belles top three golfers, a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Senior Perri Hamma rounded out Saint Mary's top five golfers with a 99 for the day.

Mierzwa, Boyce and Matuszak were named to the All-MIAA First Team while O'Connor was named to the All-MIAA Second team. Saint Mary's has not had three players named as First Team honorees since the fall 2004 season.

By winning the championship, the Belles earned the right to host the final two of three MIAA tournaments to determine the league's automatic qualifier for the NCAA tournament in May 2010.

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish come in second in relay meet

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Irish divers Caleb Dunnichay and Eric Lex were able to sweep the men's diving portion of the Dennis Stark Relays Friday, helping the Irish men to a second place finish in their first meet of the season. The Irish women also finished second at the meet.

A senior and junior respectively, Dunnichay and Lex totaled 555.02 points in the 1-meter diving relay and 253 points in the 3-meter synchronized diving competition, one of only two first place finishes Notre Dame had in the meet.

"[The divers] help us a lot," Irish men's coach Tim Welch said. "If swimming were football, divers would be like 'special teams' — almost always a big factor in the outcome."

Despite only one first place finish in the swimming events, the men's team was able to record three second place finishes and five third place finishes, finishing outside of the top three only once,

a consistency which helped them earn the silver medal.

"The meet was a solid start," Welch said. "It shows us where we are now. What counts is how much we improve from here."

In a meet with only relay events, the Irish men's 400-meter freestyle relay team gave the Irish their only first-place finish on the swimming side of the meet, finishing just over nine seconds ahead of Oakland University, the second-place finisher. Posting a time of 3:10.03, seniors John Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, along with juniors Thomas Van Volkenburg and Steven Brus made up the relay team that gave Notre Dame the gold.

Michigan, which won the men's meet handily, posted a better time than Notre Dame in the 400-meter freestyle, but was disqualified in the race. The Wolverines won eight out of the 10 swimming matches in the meet, in their first appearance in a meet at Notre Dame.

"We were pleased to welcome them here," Welch said.

"Historically they are very fast. No surprises there."

On the women's side, Notre Dame also finished second to the Wolverines. The Irish won the 200 medley relay in 1:44.67 for a meet record and swept the 1-meter Diving Relay and 3-meter Synchronized Diving events.

The Irish women faced Michigan in a dual meet the next day, and fell again by the score of 165-133.

Oakland, who finished third at the Dennis Stark Relays in the men's competition, actually scored more points on the swimming side of the meet than the Irish. The Irish men will face Oakland in their second match of the year, which will take place on Oct. 23 in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

"They scored more swimming points and we scored more diving points, so expect a good meet," Welch said. "We will need a whole team effort, seniors through freshmen, for that meet."

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Dike. Dike's team-leading eighth goal of the season was enough to prevent the game from ending in a tie with Providence (5-5-1; 2-4-1 Big East) and earned the Irish three points for the win. The win put Notre Dame in a tie with No. 19 Georgetown (8-3-1; 5-2 Big East) for second in the Big East Blue Division with 15 points, one point behind division leader No. 13 Connecticut (6-2-3; 5-1-1 Big East).

Dike's goal was set up by a powerful shot from freshman midfielder Dillon Powers that deflected off of Providence senior goalkeeper Timothy Murray, who had nine saves on the day. Dike was able to collect the deflection and deposit into the back of the net for the game-winner.

"Powers drove forward to goal from 25 yards out and got a really good shot on target," Clark said. "Bright got in on the rebound and hammered it in."

The golden goal was the first for the Irish since the open of the 2007 season in their 2-1 victory against then top-ranked UCLA.

Clark believes that Dike can get a lot more goals than he already has if he keeps putting himself in good positions.

"If Bright [Dike] stays in the goal area he is going to find goals," Clark said.

It was a strong outing for the Irish defense and senior goalie Phillip Tuttle, as the Irish posted their second shutout in as many games. The Irish did not allow a shot on goal in the entire second half and two overtime periods, and Tuttle earned his second shutout of the year to improve his season record minding the net to 5-2-0.

"I think Tuttle played exceptionally well," Clark said. "He did not have a lot of saves, but he also came out of goal and took care of balls played behind."

Notre Dame held an 18-14 advantage over the Friars in shots and Providence earned the nod with a slight 6-5 advantage in corner kicks.

The game began as a defensive struggle between the two

teams, with Providence earning the first half advantage in shots 9 to 4, but neither team was able to put the ball in. The second half saw the momentum swing in Notre Dame's favor with the Irish holding the 9 to 4 advantage in shots, but the game went to overtime tied 0-0.

"We kept pushing things harder as the game went on," Clark said.

In the first overtime period, the Irish were the only team to threaten to score. The period opened with a strong shot from Powers that was saved by Murray. Quickly following up that shot in the 93rd minute was a strike from junior midfielder Jeb Brovsky that just could not beat the Providence keeper.

In the second overtime Dike attempted to sneak a header passed Murray off a corner kick but the Friar goalkeeper was again up to the task.

Throughout overtime the Irish dominated the chances on goal and the defense set the tempo of attacking the Providence goal, as the Friars appeared ready to accept a draw as the game wore on, according to Clark.

"The fullbacks played well," Clark said. "Most of the fullbacks are doing a good job defensively and also getting forward."

Clark wants to see more of an attacking philosophy from his defense, and he is impressed with the play of senior captain Justin Morrow, who is new to the position of attacking fullback for the Irish, but seems to be adapting well.

"Justin [Morrow] hasn't played wing fullback until this year, but he is taking to it well," Clark said. "He is a very attacking defender."

Neither team was able to break through until Dike's golden goal in the last minute to seal the victory 1-0.

"We still have to play a lot of the teams that are in position to threaten us, so it is all in our hands," Clark said. "We cannot relax. We are very aware of the magnitude of the task."

The Irish are next in action at home against Indiana on Wednesday.

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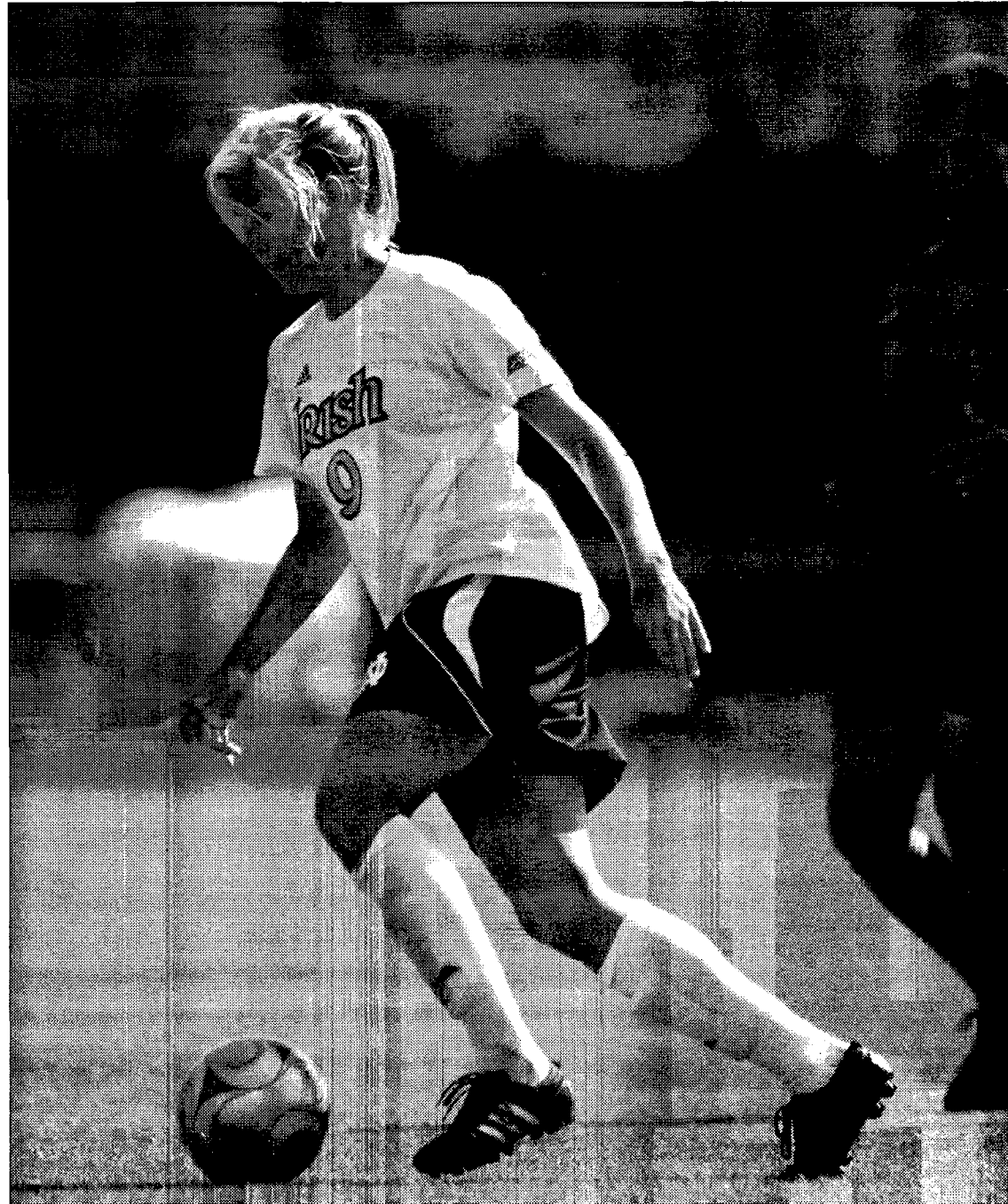
Belles in the contest, and along with Colleen Ferguson were the only Belles starters to register a shot for the day.

Freshman Maddie Meckes was able to come in as a substitution for the Belles and also registered a shot on goal

in the game.

Having already exceeded last year's win total the Belles seem to be heading in the right direction, and with a strong group of new faces they will look to regain form as they take on Elmhurst on Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m.

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Junior defender Lauren Fowlkes dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Louisville Sept. 27. Fowlkes has played in every game for the Irish this season.

Waldrum

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first half they outplayed us. We did not do a good job of matching their intensity. In that second half we were much better at taking over the game."

Waldrum also said he was very pleased to top an elite team like the Scarlet Knights after Notre Dame's struggles earlier this season against top 10 teams North Carolina, Santa Clara and Stanford.

"Of all the teams we have played this year," he said. "I felt they are one of the best two or three teams we

played."

Notre Dame used an extraordinary defensive performance to top Seton Hall 2-0 Sunday. Notre Dame did not allow a single shot on goal in the game, only yielding two shots overall. The Irish managed 10 shots on the Pirates goal, and 19 in the game.

The defensive performance allowed junior Nikki Weiss a reprieve in her third consecutive shutout.

"After the West Virginia game a week ago — we won in overtime 3-2 — I felt there were a couple situations we could have handled a little better in goal so that Sunday we went with Nikki to give her a

chance," Waldrum said. "She got a shutout, so we just went with her again this week. It is nice to see her in a big game and not just in mop up duty. She has absolutely showed she is ready to play."

Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson netted Notre Dame's first goal, and junior forward Taylor Knaack scored the sealing goal.

After the successful four-game road trip (3-0-1), the Irish will hope to build on their momentum in a homestand next week beginning against Connecticut Friday.

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Brown

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have such a huge target on our back and every team in the Big East is going to be fired up to beat us. We can't for a second think that we accomplished anything. It's going to have that attitude of just making sure that we're really mentally prepared, physically prepared for every part that we have."

In the battle of the undefeateds, the Irish handed Cincinnati (13-8, 4-1) their first conference loss of the season in a thrilling five-set affair (25-22, 25-19, 20-25, 23-25, 15-10). Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips recorded her 1,000th career kill en route to her total of 17 against the Bearcats, becoming the 18th player in program history to reach the historic mark.

"I think our senior class has definitely stepped up and we've definitely focused on

our game," Phillips said. "I think that shows up on the court and so I do think there's a big emphasis on experience."

Facing their first test as the lone unbeaten team in the conference, the Irish showed any remaining doubters that they will be a force to be reckoned with as the season rolls on. Donning pink jerseys, the Irish cruised past Louisville in four sets (25-16, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21) in front of a home crowd of 1,746 who came to support the program's "Dig Pink" initiative.

"The support from the community is just huge, and obviously it's for a great cause," Brown said. "I think they were treated to some good volleyball, but just to have that kind of support for anything raising awareness for something that's so important to all of us was huge. Having the band there really highlights the atmosphere, and it was just really fun for the players and the staff to be in that type of

environment."

Phillips and senior outside hitter Christina Kaelin led the way for the Irish, combining for 32 kills, five blocks, and 35.5 points. Despite a lackluster effort in the second set that saw the Irish commit nine errors, the Irish were able to rebound to hold the Cardinals (10-8, 3-2) to a .101 hitting percentage overall.

"One of the things that happened in the second set was our ball control wasn't real good, so we weren't passing very well and we were having to rely solely on our outside hitters," Brown said. "I think in games three and four we did a lot better job with our ball control, and I think we served really aggressively and kept them out of the system."

Notre Dame takes its undefeated record on the road as they travel to Pittsburgh next Saturday in pursuit of a regular season conference title.

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Chargers

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for Notre Dame Friday night, as freshman center Riley Sheahan scored a goal on his first collegiate shot 3:02 into the first period. On the powerplay, sophomore left wing Billy Maday fed Sheahan at the left side of the net and the rookie calmly fired the puck past Charger goalie Cameron Talbot for the score.

"I liked what I saw out of [Sheahan] tonight for his first college game," Jackson said.

The score remained 1-0 in favor of Notre Dame until 13:13 into the second period, when Tom Train tied the score for Alabama-Huntsville. Train collected the rebound from a Vince Bruni shot and slid the puck past Irish junior goalie Brad Phillips, who was making his first start since Jan. 19, 2008, after missing all of last season due to injury.

Jackson said that he was pleased with the way Phillips played, but that the team defensive effort left something to be desired.

"We didn't do a good job defensively in front of [Phillips]," Jackson said. "I thought we were cheating too much offensively."

Just under three minutes later, freshman Kyle Palmieri put Notre Dame back on top on a powerplay one-timer from the left circle that got past Talbot's glove.

The Irish took a 2-1 lead into the second intermission, but 8:01 into the final stanza, Justin Cseter knotted it up at two when he pushed home the rebound from an initial Train shot.

With 2:44 left in the game, Notre Dame senior right wing

Ryan Thang got whistled for interference when he got tied up with an Alabama-Huntsville player after the faceoff. The Irish killed off the penalty, but as Thang was skating back to the bench, he slipped and appeared to bring down a Charger player. The referee sent Thang back to the box for tripping, but Jackson was displeased with the call.

"I thought the guy tripped himself," he said. "I thought that was a really poor call."

This time, the Chargers took advantage of the powerplay. Just when it appeared the game would be heading to overtime, Cody Campbell pushed another rebound past Phillips to give Alabama-Huntsville the win.

"The third one, I just came across, I thought he tried to wrap it around," Phillips said. "I still don't know what happened."

The Chargers took advantage of second-chance opportunities all night, something Phillips took responsibility for.

"They did a good job trying to create rebounds, and I probably should have done a better job controlling them," Phillips said.

The Irish certainly came out firing Saturday night, outshooting Alabama-Huntsville 51-14.

Notre Dame didn't waste any time staking themselves an early lead either, as senior defenseman Brett Blatchford lit the lamp 1:57 into the game. Blatchford took the puck at the top of the left circle, skated into the high slot area and fired a wrist shot past Talbot.

The 1-0 lead held until 2:01 into the second period. After Irish sophomore defenseman Nick Condon turned the puck over around the Notre Dame blue line, Alabama-Huntsville's Neil Ruffini skated in and lifted a

backhand over the shoulder of Notre Dame junior goalie Tom O'Brien, who was making his first start of the season.

"Tommy earned the start," Jackson said. "He worked hard. He's worked hard since he's been here. I thought in training camp he was head-to-head with Brad as far as how he was performing."

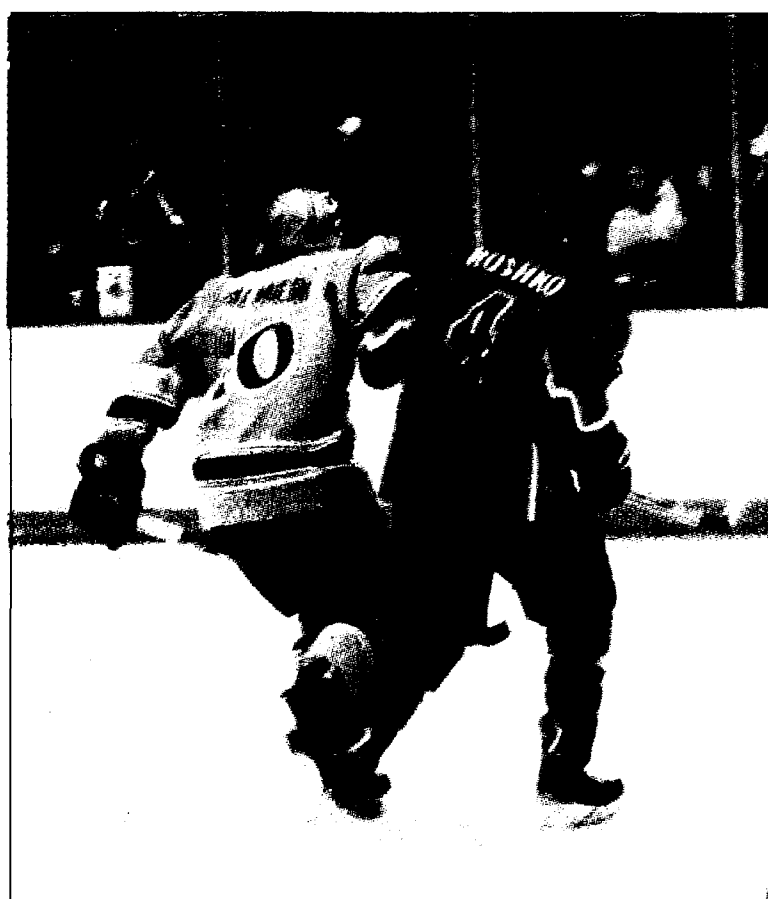
Kyle Lawson put the Irish up 2-1 shorthanded at the end of the second period. Ian Cole fired a rocket from the high slot that ricocheted off the back board right to Lawson, who coolly slid the puck past Talbot, who seemed unsure as to where the puck was. The goal came at 19:33 of the period.

"I wasn't able to play with Cole a whole lot this weekend but I remember from last year that he's got a big shot and he let one rip," Lawson said. "To be honest, they got a lucky bounce [Friday] night, we got a lucky bounce tonight. It kicked off one of the seams [in the boards], came right to me, and I got lucky."

Palmieri netted his second goal of the weekend 12:28 into the third when he took a Kevin Deeth feed and fired the puck between Talbot's legs.

"Just being a part of Notre Dame now, it was a lot of fun my first weekend," the freshman Palmieri said. "Got my first goal out of the way, got our first win out of the way."

Saturday night's game never seemed to find a rhythm, with the teams combining for 25 penalties on the night. Blatchford received a game misconduct in the second period for a hit from behind, and Irish right wing Christiaan Minella was tagged with a ten-minute misconduct for verbally abusing an official.



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Irish freshman wing Kyle Palmieri battles for position against Alabama-Huntsville's Brandon Roshko during Saturday's game.

Jackson said that Minella would miss the team's next game as a team punishment for the penalty.

Jackson said he was much more pleased with his team's defensive effort Saturday night.

"It's a little bit more like Irish hockey," he said. "Last night, we were loose with the puck and gave up 30 shots. Tonight we were much better with the puck and we give up 14."

Even though the Chargers won only five games last season, Lawson said he was pleased with

the way the Irish bounced back in the second game.

"I think they're ranked 58 out of 58," Lawson said. "But if that's the 58th-ranked team, it's going to be a hell of a season because that's a pretty good team over there."

The Irish return to action next weekend with games Thursday and Friday night against Providence College at home.

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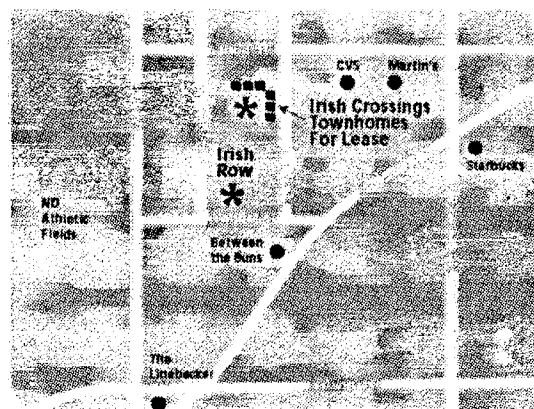
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HOCKEY

Split decision

Irish win one, lose one vs. Alabama-Huntsville

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

After a tough opening night loss, Notre Dame rebounded like you could only hope the No. 5 team in the country would.

The Irish (1-1-0, 0-0-0 CCHA) fell to Alabama-Huntsville (1-1-0, 0-0-0 CHA) 3-2 on Friday night on a goal with 5.4 seconds left in the game, but came back Saturday and beat the Chargers 3-1.

"We did a much better job in the third [period Saturday], though," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I thought the guys played with a lot more determination and executed the little things we need to do against this team."

Things started off well enough

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Notre Dame junior winger Calle Ridderwall fires a shot during Friday night's 3-2 loss to Alabama-Huntsville. The Irish bounced back Saturday night to beat the Chargers 3-1.

MEN'S SOCCER

Dike gives ND double OT victory

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish won a double-overtime thriller this weekend over Providence 1-0 in Rhode Island on Saturday, winning their third straight game and putting themselves right back into the thick of the race in the Big East.

"I believe that we were trying to win the game and Providence was just trying to settle," head coach Bobby Clark said.

Scoring the game-winning goal with 51 seconds left in the second overtime period for the No. 24 Irish (7-4-1; 5-2-0 Big East) was senior forward Bright

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame takes road matches against Rutgers, Seton Hall

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame made a strong claim for Big East supremacy this weekend with two shutout victories on the road against conference foes.

The No. 8 Irish (10-3-1, 6-0-1 Big East) handed No. 10 Rutgers (9-2-3, 3-1-2) its first conference loss Friday, leaving Notre Dame as the lone unde-

feated Big East team with only a few weeks left on the conference slate.

"We have two or three big weekends coming up," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We aren't through this tough stretch completely yet, but we are sitting five points clear of Rutgers now, which gives us some breathing room."

Neither the Irish nor the Scarlet Knights found the back of the net for most of the game,

but with barely six minutes remaining in regulation, junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes delivered a shot past the Rutgers goalie. Freshman defender Jazmin Hall assisted on the goal.

"It was a world-class goal," Waldrum said of Fowlkes' game-winner. "Jazmin got down the left side late in the game and served a cross that Lauren hit first time from 12 or 15 yards out. It was a great way to

finish off that game."

After the goal, the Irish knew the Scarlet Knights would attack with everything but the kitchen sink, but Notre Dame did not change its gameplan.

"We had to decide if we wanted to drop back defensively for the rest of the game or stay the way we were," Waldrum said. "We opted to stay how we were. We didn't want to spend six minutes in a defensive shell to just absorb pressure."

The victory extended Notre Dame's NCAA-record unbeaten streak against conference opponents to 58 games and its conference road unbeaten streak to 25 games — both streaks would be lengthened by one more game after the victory over Seton Hall.

"Winning on the road there is big," Waldrum said. "It is a very tough to place to play. In the

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Team beats Big East rivals

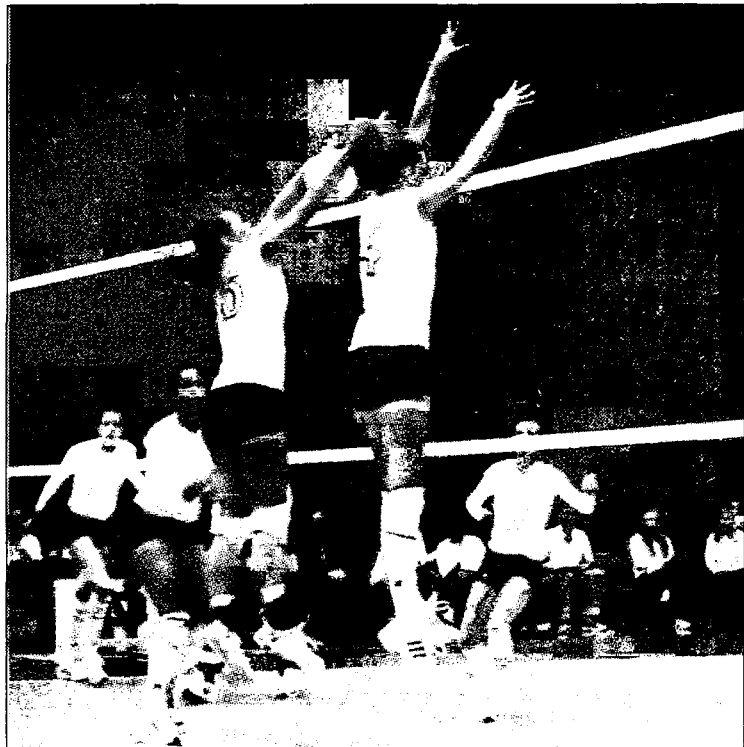
By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Coming into play on Saturday, only two teams could lay claim to undefeated records in the Big East. But after the dust settled following a weekend of intense action, the Irish stand alone atop the Big East rankings without a loss to their name.

Notre Dame (11-4, 5-0 Big East) completed a sweep of the home stand with victories over previously undefeated Cincinnati and highly-touted Louisville, extending its winning streak to five games. The Irish have won eight of their last nine matches dating back to their victory against Wisconsin over a month ago.

"We're going to certainly enjoy this weekend because it was big for us," Irish coach Debbie Brown said, "but we

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Seniors Tara Enzweiler and Serinity Phillips go up for a block during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Louisville Sunday.

SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's loses to conference foe Alma

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped its second straight conference game Saturday to MIAA foe Alma by a final score of 5-1, after dropping their previous game 1-0 to Calvin.

Alma (6-6-2, 2-1-1) was able to gain an early advantage in the game scoring both in the 24th and 27th minutes to take a commanding lead that the Belles (4-9-1, 1-3-0) were never able to recover from.

The Belles were down 3-0 heading into the half but came out strong in the second half scoring early in the half on senior Micki Hedinger's ninth career goal.

Heading into the game head coach Ryan Crabbe noted that the Belles needed to come

into the game and earn three points and he also felt the team would need to get ahead early and play with a lead.

Unfortunately, the Belles were not able to do that and currently sit seventh in the standings out of nine teams.

Alma rebounded from the Belles score to net two more goals past senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy and claim the 5-1 win.

Duffy played the entire 90 minutes of the game for the Belles and totaled eight saves.

Alma was able to double the number of shots taken by the Belles in the game 20-10 to help lead their charge. Thirteen of those shots were on goal.

Sam Smogor and Sam Goudreau registered the only two shots on goal for the

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